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PROCEEDINGS

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—OF THE—

GRAND CHAPTER

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—OF—

Royal Arch Masons

OF CANADA,

—AT ITS—

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

—HELD IN THE—

Masonic Hall, King Street,  
Town of Brockville,



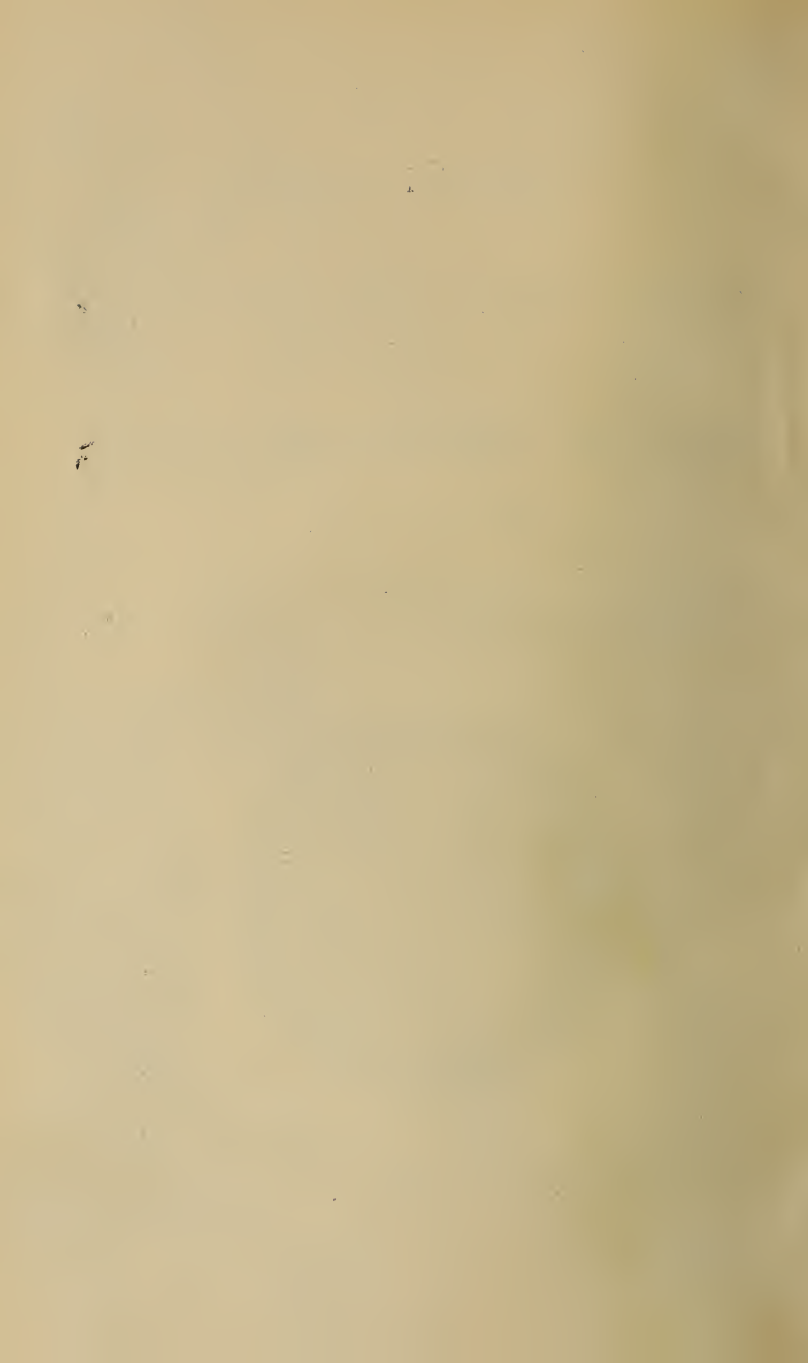
Friday, July 15th, A. D. 1887,  
A. I. 2417, A. L. 5887.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED.

ADDRESS—ROBERT HENDRY, JR., KINGSTON, ONT., GRAND Z.

DAVID McLELLAN, HAMILTON, ONT., GRAND SCRIBE E.

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# GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

## PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, King street, Town of Brockville, on Friday the 15th day of July, A. D. 1887, A.I. 2417.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

|             |                       |                  |  |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| M. E. Comp. | THOMAS SARGANT,       | Grand Z. }       | Grand Council<br><i>on<br/>the throne.</i> |
| R. E. "     | Robert Hendry, jr.,   | " H. }           |  |
| R. E. "     | R. B. Hüngertord,     | " J. }           |  |
| R. E. "     | David McLellan,       | Grand Scribe E.  |  |
| R. E. "     | Jas. B. Nixon, as     | " " N.           |  |
| R. E. "     | Joseph Beck,          | " Prin Soj.      |  |
| R. E. "     | Edward Mitchell,      | " Treasurer.     |  |
| R. E. "     | John A. Wills,        | " Registrar.     |  |
| V. E. "     | John S. Dewar,        | " 1st Asst. Soj. |  |
| E. "        | A. G. Horwood, as     | " 2nd " "        |  |
| V. E. "     | Elias T. Malone,      | " Sword Bearer.  |  |
| V. E. "     | S. G. Fairtlough,     | " M. of Veils.   |  |
| E. "        | W. R. Howse, as       | " Stan'd Bearer. |  |
| E. "        | W. King, as           | " Dir. of Cer.   |  |
| E. "        | David Taylor, as      | " Organist.      |  |
| V. E. "     | George J. Bennett,    | " Pursuivant.    |  |
| V. E. "     | Adam Borngasser,      | " Steward.       |  |
| V. E. "     | Walter Paterson, jr., | " "              |  |
| E. "        | C. G. McDermott, as   | " "              |  |
| E. "        | H. Wellbanks, as      | " "              |  |
| "           | John Grant,           | " Janitor.       |  |

### GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS :

|             |                |             |            |           |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| R. E. Comp. | S. S. Clutton, | Aylmer,     | London     | District. |
| " "         | J. J. Farley,  | Belleville, | Pr. Edward | "         |
| " "         | Edwin Plant,   | Ottawa,     | Central    | "         |

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

|             |                    |                 |              |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| M. E. Comp. | James Seymour,     | St. Catharines, | Past G. Z.   |
| " "         | Fred. J. Menet,    | Toronto,        | " "          |
| " "         | Daniel Spry,       | Barrie,         | " "          |
| " "         | Donald Ross,       | Picton,         | " "          |
| " "         | Henry Macpherson,  | Owen Sound,     | " "          |
| R. E. Comp. | A. A. Stevenson,   | Montreal,       | " G. H.      |
| " "         | Thos. C. MacNabb,  | Chatham,        | " "          |
| " "         | J. K. Kerr,        | Toronto,        | " G. J.      |
| " "         | H. Robertson,      | Collingwood,    | " "          |
| " "         | Gavin Stewart,     | Hamilton,       | " G. Supt.   |
| " "         | William Forbes,    | Grimsby,        | " "          |
| " "         | J. Ross Robertson, | Toronto,        | " "          |
| " "         | J. B. Nixon,       | Toronto,        | " "          |
| " "         | Chas. Doeblor,     | Port Hope,      | " "          |
| " "         | John Scoon,        | Guelph,         | " "          |
| " "         | Jas. Walters,      | Napanee,        | " "          |
| " "         | I. P. Willson,     | Welland,        | " "          |
| " "         | C. W. Brown,       | Toronto,        | " "          |
| " "         | Edward Mitchell,   | Hamilton,       | " "          |
| " "         | Otto Klotz,        | Preston,        | " G. S. N.   |
| " "         | J. J. Mason,       | Hamilton,       | " G. P. Soj. |
| " "         | J. E. Harding,     | Stratford,      | " G. Reg.    |
| " "         | E. H. D. Hall,     | Peterboro,      | " "          |

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES :

|             |                   |                  |  |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| M. E. Comp. | James Seymour,    | from G. Chap. of | Indiana.                               |
| " "         | " "               | " "              | Iowa.                                  |
| " "         | " "               | " "              | G. Mark Lodge<br>of<br>Eng. and Wales. |
| M. E. Comp. | Fred. J. Menet,   | from G. Chap. of | Minnesota.                             |
| " "         | Daniel Spry,      | " "              | New Jersey,                            |
| " "         | " "               | " "              | Quebec.                                |
| " "         | Donald Ross,      | " "              | Connecticut.                           |
| " "         | Henry Macpherson, | " "              | California.                            |
| " "         | Thos. Sargent,    | " "              | Kentucky.                              |
| R. E. Comp. | R. B. Hungerford, | " "              | Dakota.                                |
| " "         | T. C. MacNabb,    | " "              | Delaware.                              |
| " "         | Henry Robertson,  | " "              | Dist. of Col.                          |
| " "         | " "               | " "              | Mississippi.                           |
| " "         | " "               | " "              | New York.                              |
| " "         | David McLellan,   | " "              | Georgia.                               |
| " "         | Wm. Forbes,       | " "              | Illinois.                              |



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|-------|---|---------------------|---|---|--------------|
| "     | " | Edward Mitchell     | " | " | Louisiana.   |
| E.    | " | R. L. Patterson,    | " | " | Maryland.    |
| R. E. | " | J. Ross Robertson,  | " | " | Nebraska.    |
| V. E. | " | John S. Dewar,      | " | " | New Hamp.    |
| R. E. | " | J. J. Mason,        | " | " | Nevada.      |
| "     | " | Robert Hendry, jr., | " | " | Nova Scotia. |
| "     | " | J. B. Nixon,        | " | " | Vermont.     |
| E.    | " | Hugh Murray,        | " | " | Wash'ton T.  |
| R. E. | " | Gavin Stewart,      | " | " | Wisconsin.   |
| "     | " | J. K. Kerr,         | " | " | Scotland.    |

## PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS :

|             |                    |             |                     |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| M. E. Comp. | Thos. Sargant,     | R. E. Comp. | E. Mitchell,        |
| "           | James Seymour,     | "           | J. J. Mason,        |
| "           | Fred. J. Menet,    | V. E.       | John S. Dewar,      |
| "           | Daniel Spry,       | "           | John Erskine,       |
| "           | Donald Ross,       | "           | E. T. Malone,       |
| "           | H'y. Macpherson,   | "           | I. Baker,           |
| R. E.       | A. A. Stevenson,   | "           | John Nettleton,     |
| "           | T. C. MacNabb,     | "           | W. Paterson, jr.,   |
| "           | J. K. Kerr,        | "           | J. H. Widdifield,   |
| "           | J. J. Farley,      | "           | A. Borngasser,      |
| "           | J. Ross Robertson, | "           | Thos. McCarroll,    |
| "           | J. B. Nixon,       | "           | Geo. J. Bennett,    |
| "           | Edwin Plant,       | Ex          | H. J. Wilkinson,    |
| "           | John E. Harding,   | "           | Hugh Murray,        |
| "           | Joseph Beck,       | "           | Geo. Clarke,        |
| "           | Chas. Doeblor,     | "           | Robt. McCaw,        |
| "           | John Scoon,        | "           | John Shupe,         |
| "           | I. P. Willson,     | "           | Hugh Walker,        |
| "           | C. W. Brown,       | "           | D. McDonald,        |
| "           | John A. Wills,     | "           | A. G. Horwood,      |
| "           | S. S. Clutton,     | "           | G. G. Rowe.         |
| "           | H. Robertson.      | "           | John Sinclair,      |
| "           | Robt. Hendry, jr.  | "           | T. Wilkinson,       |
| "           | Otto Klotz,        | "           | John Easton,        |
| "           | Gavin Stewart,     | "           | J. K. Leslie,       |
| "           | R. B. Hungerford,  | "           | C. W. Postlethwaite |
| "           | Wm. Forbes,        | "           | A. W. Thompson,     |

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in **Ample Form** at 10:15 a. m.

R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are 92 Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 52 were represented by the following companions:

|                       |                                 |      |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| 1. Anc't Frontenac    | Ex. Comp. H. J. Wilkinson,      | P.Z. |
| and Cataraqui,        | V. E. Comp. S. G. Fairtlough,   | P.Z. |
| Kingston.             | R. E. Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., | P.Z. |
| 2. The Hiram,         | R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz,         | P.Z. |
| Hamilton.             | " " Gavin Stewart,              | P.Z. |
| 3. St. John's Lon-    | E. Comp. A. E. Cooper,          | J.   |
| don.                  | V. E. Comp. John S. Dewar,      | P.Z. |
| 4. St. Andrew and     | V. E. Comp, John Erskine,       | P.Z. |
| St. John, Toronto.    | R. E. " J. K. Kerr,             | P.Z. |
|                       | M. E. " F. J. Menet,            | P.Z. |
| 5. St. George's Lon-  | E. " A. B. Munson,              | Z.   |
| don.                  | R. E. " R. B. Hungerford,       | P.Z. |
| 6. St. John's, Ham-   | E. " Hugh Murray,               | P.Z. |
| ilton.                | R. E. " David McLellan,         | P.Z. |
|                       | R. E. " William Forbes,         | P.Z. |
|                       | R. E. " Edward Mitchell,        | P.Z. |
|                       | R. E. " J. J. Mason,            | P.Z. |
| 7. Moira, Belleville. | E. " W. L. Hamilton,            | P.H. |
|                       | R. E. " J. J. Farley,           | P.Z. |
| 8. King Solomon's,    | E. " R. L. Patterson,           | H.   |
| Toronto.              | E. " J. H. Knifton,             | Z.   |
|                       | E. " Geo. Clarke,               | P.Z. |
|                       | V. E. " E. T. Malone,           | P.Z. |
|                       | R. E. " David McLellan,         | P.Z. |
|                       | R. E. " J. Ross Robertson,      | P.Z. |
|                       | R. E. " J. B. Nixon,            | P.Z. |
|                       | M. E. " Thos. Sargent,          | P.Z. |
|                       | M. E. " Daniel Spry,            | P.Z. |
|                       | M. E. " Fred. J. Menet,         | P.Z. |
| 16. Carleton, Ottawa. | E. " David Taylor,              | Z.   |
|                       | R. E. " Edwin Plant,            | P.Z. |
| 19. Mount Moriah,     | E. " C. G. McDermott,           | P.Z. |
| St. Catharines.       | M. E. " Jas. Seymour,           | P.Z. |
| 24. Tecumseh, Strat-  | V. E. " I. Baker,               | P.Z. |
| ford.                 | R. E. " J. E. Harding,          | P.Z. |
| 27. Manitou, Colling- | V. E. " John Nettleton,         | P.Z. |
| wood.                 | R. E. " H. Robertson,           | P.Z. |
|                       | M. E. " H. Macpherson,          | P.Z. |

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| 28. Pentalpha, Osh-<br>awa.     | E.          | " | Robert McCaw,          | P.Z. |
| 29. McCallum,<br>Dunnville.     | E.<br>M. E. | " | John W. McCallum,      | H.   |
|                                 |             | " | Jas. Seymour,          | P.Z. |
| 30. Huron, Goderich.            | E.          | " | C. A. Humber,          | H.   |
|                                 | R. E.       | " | Joseph Beck,           | P.Z. |
| 31. Prince Edward,<br>Picton.   | E.          | " | H. Wellbanks,          | Z.   |
|                                 | E.          | " | E. W. Case,            | J.   |
|                                 | M. E.       | " | Donald Ross,           | P.Z. |
| 32. Waterloo, Galt.             | E.          | " | Thos. McGivern,        | J.   |
|                                 | E.          | " | John Shupe,            | P.Z. |
| 34. Signet, Barrie.             | M. E.       | " | Daniel Spry,           | P.Z. |
| 35. Keystone,<br>Whitby.        | E.          | " | W. R. Howse,           | Z.   |
| 36. Corinthian, Pe-<br>terboro. | E.          | " | B. Shortly,            | P.Z. |
|                                 | V. E.       | " | Walter Paterson, jr.,  | P.Z. |
|                                 | R. E.       | " | E. H. D. Hall,         | P.Z. |
| 37. Victoria, Port<br>Hope.     | R. E.       | " | Chas. Doeblor,         | P.Z. |
| 40. Guelph, Guelph.             | E.          | " | J. A. Nelles,          | Z.   |
|                                 | E.          | " | Hugh Walker,           | P.Z. |
|                                 | R. E.       | " | John Scoon,            | P.Z. |
| 41. Harris, Ingersoll.          | E.          | " | M. Walsh,              | H.   |
| 44. Mount Sinai,<br>Napane.     | R. E.       | " | James Walters,         | Z.   |
|                                 | M. E.       | " | Donald Ross,           | P.Z. |
| 47. Wellington,<br>Chatham.     | R. E.       | " | Thos. C. MacNabb,      | P.Z. |
| 48. St. John's, Cobourg.        | E.          | " | D. McDonald,           | P.Z. |
| 49. Elora, Elora.               | E.          | " | Edward Burns,          | J.   |
| 52. Prince Rupert,<br>Winnipeg. | M. E.       | " | Thos. Sargant, (Proxy) | P.Z. |
| 53. Bruce, Petrolia.            | E.          | " | John Sinclair,         | P.Z. |
| 54. Palestine, St.<br>Thomas.   | E.          | " | A. N. Pettit,          | Z.   |
| 55. Niagara, Niagara.           | M. E.       | " | James Seymour,         | P.Z. |
| 56. Georgian, Owen<br>Sound.    | M. E.       | " | Henry Macpherson,      | P.Z. |
| 57. King Hiram, Pt<br>Colborne. | E.          | " | John McCallum.         | H.   |

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| 59. Sussex, Brock-ville.             | E.    | " | George Gale,           | Z.   |
|                                      | E.    | " | Wm. King,              | H.   |
|                                      | E.    | " | P. W. D. Broderick,    | J.   |
|                                      | E.    | " | T. Wilkinson,          | P.Z. |
|                                      | E.    | " | John Easton,           | P.Z. |
| 60. Doric, New-market.               | E.    | " | James W. Allan,        | H.   |
|                                      | V. E. | " | J. H. Widdifield,      | P.Z. |
|                                      | V. E. | " | A. Borngasser,         | P.Z. |
| 62. York, Eglington.                 | E.    | " | John McCarter,         | Z.   |
|                                      | E.    | " | John K. Leslie,        | P.Z. |
|                                      | R. E. | " | J. B. Nixon,           | P.Z. |
|                                      | M. E. | " | Thos. Sargant,         | P.Z. |
|                                      | M. E. | " | Daniel Spry,           | P.Z. |
| 63. Havelock, Kin-cardine.           | R. E. | " | David McLellan,(Proxy) | P.Z. |
| 64. Willson, Welland.                | R. E. | " | I. P. Willson,         | P.Z. |
|                                      | M. E. | " | Jas. Seymour,          | P.Z. |
| 65. St. Paul's, Toronto.             | E.    | " | F. F. Manly,           | H.   |
|                                      | E.    | " | A. D. Ponton,          | J.   |
|                                      | E.    | " | C. W. Postlethwaite,   | P.Z. |
|                                      | R. E. | " | C. W. Brown,           | P.Z. |
|                                      | M. E. | " | F. J. Menet,           | P.Z. |
| 69. Grimsby, Grimsby.                | R. E. | " | Wm. Forbes,            | P.Z. |
|                                      | R. E. | " | J. J. Mason,           | P.Z. |
|                                      | R. E. | " | Ed. Mitchell,          | P.Z. |
|                                      | R. E. | " | Gavin Stewart,         | P.Z. |
| 76. Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls South. | M. E. | " | Jas. Seymour,          | P.Z. |
| 77. Occident, Toronto.               | E.    | " | A. G. Horwood,         | P.Z. |
|                                      | R. E. | " | John A. Wills,         | P.Z. |
|                                      | M. E. | " | Thos. Sargant,         | P.Z. |
|                                      | M. E. | " | Daniel Spry,           | P.Z. |
|                                      | M. E. | " | Fred. J. Menet,        | P.Z. |
| 79. Orient, Toronto.                 | E.    | " | John K. Leslie,        | Z.   |
|                                      | E.    | " | Ira Bates,             | J.   |
|                                      | R. E. | " | John Ross Robertson,   | P.Z. |
|                                      | R. E. | " | J. B. Nixon,           | P.Z. |
|                                      | M. E. | " | Thos. Sargant,         | P.Z. |
|                                      | M. E. | " | Daniel Spry,           | P.Z. |
| 80. Ark, Windsor.                    | M. E. | " | Fred. J. Menet,        | P.Z. |
|                                      | E.    | " | Thos. McGregor,        | Z.   |

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| 81. | Aylmer, Aylmer.          | R. E. | " | S. S. Clutton,       | P.Z. |
| 82. | Shuniah, Port Arthur.    | E.    | " | A. W. Thompson,      | P.Z. |
| 83. | Ionic, Orange-ville.     | M. E. | " | Thos. Sargant,       | P.Z. |
| 86. | Macpherson, Meaford.     | E.    | " | Duncan Bole,         | Z.   |
|     |                          | E.    | " | W. N. Chisholm.      | H.   |
|     |                          | V. E. | " | Thos. McCarroll,     | P.Z. |
| 87. | Wentworth, Dundas.       | R. E. | " | David McLellan,      | P.Z. |
| 90. | Golden, Rat Portage.     | M. E. | " | Daniel Spry, (Proxy) | P.Z. |
| 91. | Antiquity, Parkdale.     | E.    | " | Chas. F. Mansell,    | H.   |
|     |                          | E.    | " | W. H. Taylor,        | J.   |
|     |                          | E.    | " | G. G. Rowe,          | P.Z. |
|     |                          | V. E. | " | Geo. J. Bennett,     | P.Z. |
|     |                          | M. E. | " | Thos. Sargant,       | P.Z. |
| 92. | Spry, Alliston.          | M. E. | " | Daniel Spry,         | P.Z. |
| 93. | Metropolitan, Melbourne. | R. E. | " | David McLellan,      | P.Z. |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM FORBES, } *Committee.*  
JOHN KNOX LESLIE, }

On motion of R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, seconded by E. Comp. J. Knox Leslie, the report of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing during the session of the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation held in the town of Windsor on the 16th day of July, A. D. 1886, A. I. 2416, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Edwin Plant, and

**Resolved,** That, as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 16th day of July, have been printed

and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes thereof be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then read the following

#### ADDRESS :

*To the Most Excellent, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*—GREETING :

#### COMPANIONS :

Time, with its onward flight, has brought us to the thirtieth year in the annals of this Grand Chapter. Another year with its cares and vicissitudes is past and gone, never to return. But during that period how many changes have taken place—we miss some who were with us at our last Annual Convocation, they are not here but have gone “to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns.” Shall we not extend to their widows and children that sympathy and assistance which is so comforting to all in their time of trouble that in this busy world so often forgetful of the lonely and desolate, their burden may be lighter and their pathway brighter, and we may ever practice those lessons ourselves which we so often endeavor to inculcate in others. Let us remember that to Him only belongs the praise—that so many of us have been spared through another year, and permitted, through His guidance and assistance, to meet again to deliberate upon the best means of promulgating our order, ever remembering that to him we are indebted for the many blessings He has seen fit in His infinite mercy to bestow upon us.

Companions, we have again renewed our vows around our Sacred Altar; we have supplicated the continuance of the Divine Presence who guided and protected our ancient brethren during their travels and pilgrimages, and may we not with a firm, but humble confidence still trust that God who has been with us thus far will guide us safely to the end.

In welcoming you here to-day, I take great pleasure in presenting to you a report of my official acts as Grand Z. during the year which has just closed, and which actions I trust will meet with your approval.

I have to report a better feeling amongst the Chapter,



and I must say that the Grand Superintendents have indeed endeavored in their several districts to work up the dormant Chapters, and put more life and vigor into those who were working, I am of the opinion that the recent changes in the Constitution of Grand Chapter, together with a better means afforded companions to make themselves fully acquainted with the ceremonies will ensure a much brighter prospect in the future for the Order.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents will be laid before you, and I am gratified to learn from them that there have been Chapters of Instruction held which have given satisfactory proof that this is a practice which is highly commendable and will redound greatly to the success of Subordinate Chapters.

#### JUBILEE YEAR.

I am satisfied I speak the sentiments of every companion in Canada when I say that it is a great source of pleasure to the Craft, that Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India, has been permitted to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of her accession to the throne. More especially is she endeared to us as Free Masons when we have enrolled amongst our ranks her illustrious sons holding the highest positions in the Craft. Our fervent prayer is that she may long be spared to fill that position which she has so long adorned, and may the Most High vouchsafe to her that protection in the future that has been granted to her in the past. I trust before this Convocation closes the Grand Chapter will cause a cablegram of congratulation to be transmitted to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

#### NEW CHAPTERS

During this year there have been no applications for dispensations. This is not a matter to cause any regret whatever, as I consider we have sufficient upon the roll to meet all the requirements of Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

During the year a number of dispensations have been applied for, all of which I have granted. They are as follows :

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| To install as Z., not being H. or J. | 2 |
| “ Z., “ H.                           | 2 |
| “ H., “ J.                           | 6 |
- To hold meetings without giving seven days' notice, 1.  
 To wear clothing in procession to church, 1.  
 To elect officers at a meeting other than the regular one as prescribed in by-laws, 3.  
 To install officers at a meeting other than the regular one, 2

In issuing all these dispensations I have done so with a view of assisting Chapters as much as possible. The facts of the several cases were laid before me, and I found it would assist materially in the working of the Chapters to issue them ; I therefore instructed the Grand Scribe E. accordingly.

The removal of the restriction of Past Master as a qualification to the office of Z., I am satisfied, has given encouragement to the members of Chapters who were good workers in the other offices, but who saw no opportunity of preferment in a blue lodge.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

On the 2nd February of this year I nominated R. E. Comp. Frank H. Young, Custer, Neb., as our Representative at the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, the term of representation having transpired through lapse of time, which was confirmed by M. E. Comp. Henry E. Palmer, G. H. P. Vacancies having occurred in our roll of representatives from Sister Grand Chapters, and having been requested by the G. H. P. of the several Grand Chapters to nominate companions to fill these offices.

I recommended the following :

- New Hampshire—V. E. Comp. J. S. Dewar, London, in place of R. E. Comp. David McLellan—resigned.  
 Virginia—R. E. Comp. Alex. Patterson, Toronto, in place of R. E. Comp. Wm. Brydon—suspended.  
 Maryland—E. Comp. R. L. Patterson, Toronto, in place of R. E. Comp. J. G. Burns—deceased.  
 Nebraska—R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto—effluxion of time.  
 Maine—R. E. Comp. D. R. Munro, St. John, N. B.—effluxion of time.

All of these nominations were cheerfully confirmed, and I hope they meet with your approval. As the companions are present, I trust you will accord them that welcome which will evince to the several Grand Chapters whom they represent that we appreciate the courtesy shown us, that it may tend to bind us more closely together in indissoluble union of Brotherhood and Truth.

#### FINANCES.

It is a cause of congratulation that the financial exhibit for the year is the best for the past nine years.

The receipts for the year have been \$2,417.89, which, with the balance from last year, \$1,205.70 make the amount of \$3,623.59 represented as follows :

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Fees, Dues, etc.....             | \$1,786 41 |
| Interest on investment.....      | 603 49     |
| Interest on deposit in Bank..... | 27 99      |
| Balance from last year.....      | 1,205 70   |

Making a total of.....\$3,623 59

which amount includes \$120 paid upon stock account.

The expenditure during the year has been \$1,849 53, leaving a cash balance in the Bank of Commerce of \$1,774 06. It would be well for Grand Chapter to consider the advisability of investing another \$1,000, as Grand Chapter is in a prosperous condition, and permanent investments are the safest for society funds.

During the year the Land Security Co., in which we are stock-holders, gave me notification of a further issue of new stock at a premium of 25%, our allotment was 150 shares which required a cash payment of \$75.00, this covered premium and first call of 10%. Upon my recommendation, the Grand H. and Grand Treasurer, with myself, accepted the stock issued; the investment is in the same names as all our investments are made. I trust this action will meet with your approval.

The investments are represented as follows :

|  |         |         |     |
|--|---------|---------|-----|
| Western Canada Permanent Building Society..... | \$4,500 | bearing | 5%  |
| Toronto General Trusts.....                    | 3,000   | "       | 5%  |
| Land Security Co., old stock paid up.....      | 1,500   | "       | 10% |
| " " new stock.....                             | 210     | "       | 10% |

The financial standing of Grand Chapter is as follows :

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Investments.....  | \$ 9,210 00 |
| Cash in Bank..... | 1,774 06    |
|                   | <hr/>       |
|                   | \$10,984 06 |

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts for the past nine years :

|                    |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1879 .. \$1,592 11 | 1882 .. \$1,948 73 | 1885 .. \$2,178 28 |
| 1880 .. 1,794 04   | 1883 .. 2,075 70   | 1886 .. 1,879 19   |
| 1881 .. 2,035 63   | 1884 .. 2,542 02   | 1887 .. 2,417 89   |

From the statement just given the receipts appear larger in 1884 ; but that arises from the fact that Grand Chapter decided to close the financial year on the 31st May instead as formerly, 31st January ; consequently, that amount represents the receipts for 16 months.

#### BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws of a number of Chapters have been submitted to me for confirmation, being accompanied with the proper recommendation of the Grand Superintendents, and as they did not conflict with the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I confirmed them.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

My business engagements have not permitted me to make as many official visits as I would have desired. During the year I have officially visited the following Chapters :

St. Andrew's and St. John's, No. 4, Toronto, 18 July, 1886.

Carleton No. 16, Ottawa, 15 Sept., 1886.

King Solomon's No. 8, Toronto, 5 Jany., 1887.

Antiquity No. 91, Parkdale, 11 Jany., 1887.

St. Paul's No. 65, Toronto, 12 Jany., 1887.

Occident No. 77, Toronto, 16 Jany., 1887.

Orient No. 79, Toronto, 27 Jany., 1887.

In most of these Chapters I installed the officers for the year.

My official visit to the Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John was for the purpose of installing R. E. Comp. Seymour Porter as G. Sup. of the Toronto district, he not being present at last Grand Chapter, and I must say that he has made an excellent officer.

My visit to Carleton Chapter, No. 16, was rendered very pleasant by the companions of Ottawa district, and I had the opportunity of renewing many old friendships with brethren whom I had met in Grand Chapter in earlier days. The reception given me was very kind and enthusiastic, and I am glad that Capitular Masonry is well looked after in the Ottawa Valley.

In September last I visited Washington, D. of C., during the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. I assure you that the reception accorded by that Body to me as your representative, together with the many acts of courtesy and kindness shown by the companions of the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland, have left a lasting impression of the good feeling and brotherly kindness which exist amongst Masons wherever they are convened, but more especially in that locality. The hospitality and universal desire of every member there to make my visit one of especial interest will never be effaced from my memory. The friendships formed with distinguished workers from every portion of the United States was indeed exceedingly pleasant and entertaining, and I look forward with pleasure when I may again have the opportunity of meeting some of them in other Masonic organizations. I also met M. E. Comp. J. P. Noyes, G. Z. ; R. E. Comp. I. H. Stearns, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Quebec ; also M. W. J. Fred. Walker, G. M. of Quebec, and M. W. Bro. H. Robertson, G. M. of Canada, whom I doubt not equally enjoyed their reception as much as I did.

#### CEREMONIES.

The Committee appointed at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter to reproduce the ceremonies, have finished their labors. Therefore every Chapter should be in possession of the means of working the Degrees in a correct manner, and I trust that there will be no laxity in this matter. I instructed the Grand Scribe E. to furnish Past Grand Chapter Officers and P. Z.'s of Subordinate Chapters with a copy, upon the receipt of the fee for the same. This action will, I trust, meet with your approval.

#### OBITUARY.

Companions, again we are reminded of the shortness of our sojourn in this tenement of clay. Death has been in our

midst. Some have been summoned from amongst us—how we miss their familiar faces and friendly grasp of their hand. Should this not remind us that life is fleeting, that to us the summons may speedily come when we will have to put aside the implements of labor and be laid away in the silent tomb. As I look around and see the familiar faces of my companions here assembled, I fain would ask who will be missed next year. Several prominent members have departed this year. Their seats are vacant. Their voices and counsel will be heard no more in our deliberations—they have gone to prove the realities of another world. Should it not remind us of the frailty of man, and warn us so to act, that when the summons comes to us we may be ready to take our departure and be deemed worthy to occupy seats in the Grand Chapter above.

Amongst the brethren who have died during the past year I would mention: V. E. Comp. E. A. H. Faquier, Past Grand Sword Bearer; R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Duncan, Past Grand Scribe N; and R. E. Comp. J. G. Burns, Past G. Supt. These brethren were all good workers in our mysteries, and faithful to the lessons inculcated in our rite. I recommend that memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings to commemorate their names.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

A memorial, together with a copy of the proceedings of the convention forming the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, have been received by the Grand Scribe E., and will be presented at this Convocation of Grand Chapter, asking for recognition. It appears from the proceedings that neither St. Mark's Chapter, No. 11, G. R. C., nor the G. Supt. W. J. Logan took any part in the said convention. It will be for Grand Chapter to decide at this meeting upon the matter.

In conclusion, Companions, the time has arrived when I shall surrender to you the sceptre of office which you so unanimously and generously placed in my hands two years ago, and for which I here tender you my warmest thanks. During my two years of office, I have endeavored to guide and direct the Royal Craft to the best of my ability, and I hope to the entire satisfaction of you all. When advice and direction was required, it has been my aim to give it in a manner which has been well understood and in every way courteous to any companion.



If I have erred in any particular, I trust you will consider it an error of the head and not of the heart.

I cannot conclude without bearing testimony to the careful and zealous manner in which R. E. Comp. David McLellan, G. Scribe E., and R. E. Comp. E. Mitchell, G. Treasurer, have performed their duties, to these companions is largely due the financial standing of the Grand Chapter to-day, and I trust they may long be spared to continue their duties.

Finally, my brethren. in taking leave of you in an official capacity, I trust that I may be permitted by the G. A. O. T. U. to take part in your deliberations for many years to come, and that we may all finally meet in that "land that is fairer than day." So mote it be.

THOS. SARGANT,  
*Grand Z.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., seconded by R. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, and

**Resolved,** That the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The following reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were presented :

#### ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in St. Clair District.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham ; Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburgh ; Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor, are in good working order.

I have not heard from Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown, or McNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden. I had the pleasure last October of visiting Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburgh, and assisted in conferring the Royal Arch Degree upon six brethren. With this number of new members this Chapter expects to meet regularly, with renewed interest in the work.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

P. A. CRAIG,  
*G. Supt. St. Clair District.*

## LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor herewith to submit my report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the London District for the past year.

There are eight Chapters in the District, viz : No. 3, St. John's, London ; No. 5, St. George's, London ; No. 15, Wawanosh, Sarnia ; No. 53, Bruce, Petrolea ; No. 54, Palestine, St. Thomas ; No. 74, Beaver, Strathroy ; No. 78, Minnewawa, Park Hill ; No. 81, Aylmer, Aylmer.

In framing my report I have followed as closely as possible suggestions made in the report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry, 1886.

## ST. JOHN'S, NO. 3, LONDON.

I paid an official visit to this Chapter May 25th, accompanied by Comp. Dr. G. F. Clark of Aylmer, and was well received and entertained by the officers and companions. Owing to the illness of the E. Z., visiting Comp. Burke, P. Z., of St. George's, No. 5, conferred the M. E. M. Degree in a very creditable manner. Average attendance of members 20 ; total membership 70 ; nine meetings held during the year ; work done in 1886 by substitute ; in 1887 by First Principal ; dues owing to the end of 1886, \$30.00—only two in arrears for two years ; six applications during the year—two failed to come forward ; monetary resources, \$500 in Masonic Temple Stock ; Chapter meets in Hall rented from Masonic Temple Co.

## ST. GEORGE'S, NO. 5, LONDON.

I visited this Chapter officially June 28th, and met with a very cordial reception. There being no work I had not the pleasure of witnessing their manner of conferring degrees, but from the order and system observed, I was quite satisfied of their efficiency in that regard. Total membership 76 ; average attendance 20 ; twelve meetings held during the year ; number of times the degrees were worked, viz : M. M. 6 times, P. M. 6 times, M. E. M. 5 times, R. A. (six candidates) 3 times, the work was done by the E. Z., H. and J ; amount owing for dues over 1 year \$31, over 2 years \$24, 3 years \$22, total \$77 ; seven applications received—one did not come up ; monetary resources, \$500 in Canadian Loan Co., \$500 in Masonic

Temple Stock, and \$30 in Treasurer's hands and all debts paid ; pay rent for rooms in Masonic Temple.

WAWANOSH, NO. 15, SARNIA.

I was unable to visit this Chapter and am indebted to the very prompt and courteous Scribe E., Comp. Chas. B. Johnston, for the following information :

Owing to various causes there have not been many applications for membership received in the last few years. The Chapter, therefore, has to depend on the older members for its meetings, and as some live out of town, and others in the town have many business engagements, they are sometimes unavoidably disappointed in obtaining a sufficient number to open. This has a very depressing effect, but some of the most faithful are endeavoring and hope soon to raise this Chapter to its former state of activity and prosperity. Average attendance about one fourth of the actual membership ; eight meetings held during the year ; each degree conferred once, the work was done by the P. Z., E. Z., H. and J. ; the gross amount owing for dues about \$200 ; one applicant for membership, who did not come up within the required time ; monetary resources, nil ; the Chapter meets in a rented Hall.

BRUCE, NO. 53, PETROLEA.

I much regret being unable to visit this Chapter, but can vouch for its being in a most prosperous and efficient state. The following information I received from Comp. James. W. Ford, Scribe E :

Average attendance 30 per cent. of the total membership ; eleven meetings held during the year ; the number of times degrees were worked, viz. : M. M. twice, P. M. twice, M. E. M. once, and R. A. once—the work was done by the officers of the term ; the gross amount owing for dues \$150, no bad debts and only 3 or 4 over one year in arrears ; three applications for membership ; monetary resources, \$200 to \$250 ; meet in a rented Hall.

PALESTINE, NO. 54, ST. THOMAS.

I had the pleasure of paying this Chapter an official visit April 14, accompanied by Dr. G. F. Clark, and spent a very enjoyable evening. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by E. Comp. Pettit, 1st Principal, who performed his part of

the work very creditably ; his assistants did not do so well, but promised with the aid lately placed in their possession to be second to none in efficiency in a very short time. Nov. 15th, 1886, I recommended the Most Excellent the Grand Z. to grant a dispensation to install as 1st Principal, Comp. Pettit, he not having filled the office of 2nd or 3rd Principal, which was granted. Average attendance about one sixth the actual membership ; ten meetings held during the year ; the number of times the Chapter degrees were worked, three each—work done by P. Z., E. Z., H. and J. ; the gross amount owing in dues \$106, accruing over one year \$61.25, two years \$31.65, three years \$15.95 ; three applications for membership : monetary resources, about \$80 on hand ; meet in a rented Hall.

BEAVER, NO. 74, STRATHROY.

In compliance with a request made in the report of the Audit and Finance Committee of 1886 regarding this Chapter, I wrote to the Scribe E. but received no reply to my communications. On the 20th of June I paid a visit to Strathroy and had an interview with the last elected E. Z., Comp. Grant, who informed me that the prospect was anything but bright respecting Royal Arch Masonry there. That there was a sad lack of interest in Capitular Masonry, many of the old members had gone, and that there were not enough left in the town to form a quorum, it was also next to impossible to get the country members to attend. There are two thriving Blue Lodges in the town, and many of their members would make application for the higher degrees if the Chapter was in working order. I therefore urged upon E. Comp. Grant the necessity of making a strenuous effort to revive the Chapter, and that the Companions of London would be most happy to render him any assistance in their power. I would therefore recommend that the warrant be not withdrawn until time be given for the companions to make this effort and achieve if possible this much desired result.

MINNEWAWA, NO. 78, PARK HILL.

The only information I have so far been able to obtain from this Chapter is from a private source, as I could get no answer to my official letters. The difficulty with this Chapter is that they have not enough members in the town to form a quorum, and those from a distance seldom or never come. I understand there are four or five applications now in, and as

soon as these applicants get the degrees they will be able to hold their meetings with more regularity. They used to have a flourishing Chapter and expect to again when this new blood is taken in.

AYLMER, NO. 81, AYLMEER.

I have the honor to be 1st Principal of this Chapter and I am happy to state that the Chapter has made fair progress during the past year. Average attendance about one half the actual membership; ten meetings held during the year; each degree has been worked twice—the work was done by the E. Z., H. and J.; the gross amount owing in dues \$30, only four over one year in arrears; three applications for membership—one did not come up; one affiliation; monetary resources, \$76 on hand; meet in rented Hall.

Before closing my report I beg to state that general harmony prevails throughout the whole District, not a single complaint has been laid before me. I also wish particularly to mention the very close fraternal relationship that exists between the two Chapters in the City of London, St. John's, No. 3, and St. George's, No. 5. It afforded me extreme pleasure to witness the exhibition of good-fellowship and brotherly love that seemed to pervade every member of the Royal Craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL S. CLUTTON,  
*Grand Supt. London District.*

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor of submitting my second annual report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Wellington District.

I am sorry to have to state that Royal Arch Masonry has not made much progress during the past year in this District, except in Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph, and Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, both of which have made considerable progress, are working well and are in a healthy, prosperous condition.

Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston, has not met nor elected officers during the year.

Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville, has not been meeting regularly, but has done some work, with more in prospect.

Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Berlin, resolved in January last to surrender their Charter, which I expect will be handed in before the meeting of Grand Chapter.

Elora Chapter, No. 49, Elora, has done no work during the year, but there is a good Masonic spirit prevailing among the companions, which betokens for them a brighter era in Masonry.

I am happy to be able to report that peace and harmony prevails throughout the District, not a single case of Masonic complaint having been laid before me. I have not been asked for any dispensations during the year. Again I wish to express my sincere thanks to R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., for his kind assistance, and the companions of the District for their kindness and courtesy towards me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM COWAN,

*Grand Supt. Wellington District.*

GALT, June 29th, 1887.

### HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Herewith I have the honor of presenting, for the information of the Grand Chapter, my report of Royal Arch Masonry in the Hamilton District during my term of office, from the 16th day of July, 1886, to the 15th day of July, 1887.

There are four Chapters in this District, viz.:

|        |             |           |                   |
|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| No. 2, | The Hiram,  | Hamilton, | Wentworth County. |
| " 6,   | St. John's, | Hamilton, | " "               |
| " 75,  | St. Clair,  | Milton,   | Halton County.    |
| " 87,  | Wentworth,  | Dundas,   | Wentworth County. |

My first official visit was to St. John's Chapter, No. 6, on the 9th of September, 1886, on which occasion it was my



pleasant duty to confer, assisted by R. E. Companion E. Mitchell, G. T. and R. E. Comp. John Malloy, P. G. S. W. upon ex Comp. Hugh Murray, the degrees of J., H. and Z., in obedience to the commands of Grand Chapter, (Page 211, printed proceedings of Grand Chapter, 1886). The rank of Z. was conferred by R. E. Comp. Mitchell, who, at the conclusion of the ceremony, addressed E. Comp. Murray in a most affecting and affectionate manner, alluding especially to the long number of years during which they had worked together in Masonry. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

During the month of April I visited officially The Hiram Chapter, No. 2., St. John's Chapter, No. 6., and Wentworth Chapter, No. 87. With respect to these Chapters it is almost unnecessary to enter into particulars, as they are given in the returns recommended by the Committee on the Condition of Royal Arch Masonry at the meeting of Grand Chapter in 1886.

Owing to a misunderstanding I arrived in Milton a day before the emergency communication, especially called for my official visit to St. Clair Chapter. As it would have been inconvenient for me to return the next day, I requested V. E. Comp. Wm. Panton, P. G. M. of V., to install and invest the officers and to report to me as to the condition of the Chapter. I cannot do better than insert in this report V. E. Comp. Panton's letter, as follows :

"I installed the officers and inspected the books ; I found the latter regularly kept and satisfactory. Although the Chapter has made little progress in the way of adding to its membership, the prospects for the future, however, appear good. The new staff of officers will, I think, prove efficient. A number of applications for membership are expected, and two were received on the night of my visit."

I have only to add that the present Z., H. and J., S. N. and S. E., are all Past First Principals, so that there should be no doubt of the excellence of the work and success of St. Clair Chapter, No. 75.

*Report of condition of Chapters in the Hamilton District as recommended by the Committee, (Page 206, Proceedings of Grand Chapter, 1886).*

THE HIRAM, No. 2.—Average attendance, 14 per cent.; number of meetings held, 10 regular, 2 emergent ; state of the

work, strictly in accordance with ritual; degrees conferred, M. M. 8, P. M. 8, M. E. M. 8, R. A. M. 11; work done by E., Z., H. and J., with assistance of P. Z.; dues outstanding, \$483.50; number of applications, 13, 2 did not come up, 3 yet to be admitted; resources, Masonic Hall Stock \$2,340, furniture \$1,400, cash \$293.40; dues, \$483.50; accounts, \$54.97; total, \$4,571.87; building owned by Joint Stock Co.

ST. JOHN'S, No. 6.—Average attendance, 20 per cent.; number of meetings held, 10 regular, 3 emergent; state of the work, strictly in accordance with ritual; degrees worked, M. M. 8, P. M. 8, M. E. M. 8, R. A. M. 11; work done by regular officers; dues outstanding, about \$500; number of applications, 6, all received the degrees; building owned by Joint Stock Co. The S. E. of this Chapter having virtually resigned renders it difficult to get the information required.

ST. CLAIR, No. 75.—I have written twice to the Scribe E. of this Chapter but did not succeed in eliciting any information.

WENTWORTH, No. 87.—Average attendance, 33 per cent.; number of meetings held, regular 9; state of the work, strictly in accordance with ritual; degrees conferred, M. M. 3, P. M. 3, M. E. M. 3, R. A. M. 3; work done nearly always by Z. H. and J., with assistance of P. Z. sometimes; dues outstanding, one year \$39.21, two years \$33.04, three years \$49.76, four years \$15.00, five years \$13.00, total \$150.01; number of applications, 3, all have received the degrees; resources, dues \$150.01, furniture \$150, cash \$30.01, total \$330.02; building rented.

It will be observed that in the foregoing report the amounts of arrearages of dues are altogether too large and reach too far back into the dark ages. I would strongly recommend the Chapters to carry into effect the views of the Committee on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry (Page 206 Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1886).

All the Chapters in this District have made their returns and have paid the fees to Grand Chapter, and peace and harmony reign within our borders.

My thanks are tendered to the Grand S. E., R. E. Comp. David McLellan, for his urbanity and responses to my enquiries, also

to the companions of the District for their uniform kindness during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. BICKFORD,

*Grand Supt. Hamilton District.*

Dundas, Ont., June 28th, 1887.

## HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In accordance with established usage and the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I have the honor to submit my report upon the state of Capitular Masonry in Huron District.

Circumstances which I could not control have prevented me from visiting all the Chapters in the District during the past year; still, from the notices of meetings which I have received, and from information otherwise obtained, I am in a position to form a fairly correct opinion of the work done by the Chapters under my charge.

There are nominally eight Chapters in this District, but St. James', No. 46, St. Mary's, is really dead, and I can see no hope of a resurrection with reference to this Chapter, therefore I can only reiterate the recommendation made by me a year ago, that the Charter thereof should be recalled. The Chapter has made no returns since 1873, nor can I find that it has met at all since 1874. There are not a quorum of R. A. Masons in St. Mary's, and to continue the name of St. James' Chapter on the roll of Grand Chapter would be not only useless but absurd.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, has held only one meeting within the past year, and that was when called together to receive an official visit of the Grand Superintendent of the District, but the Chapter is in good condition financially, and, as I have good reason to believe the cause of its weakness to be temporary, I hope my successor in office will have occasion to speak more satisfactorily of its progress next year.

The other Chapters in the District are in a healthy condition, and adding, month by month, new names to the roll of Royal Arch Masons.

Before closing this report I would take the liberty of recommending to Grand Chapter the adoption of the motion of which R. E. Comp. Brydon gave notice at last Annual Convocation, to detach No. 82, Shuniah Chapter, from Huron District and attach it to the Manitoba District.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

DEWITT H. MARTYN,  
*Grand Supt. Huron District.*

Kincardine, 26 June, A. I. 2417.

### NIAGARA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of the Royal Craft in the Niagara District.

There are seven Chapters in this District, and I have had the pleasure of visiting all of them.

#### MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, NO. 19, ST. CATHARINES.

I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on 5th Nov. last, on which occasion the officers elect were installed by R. E. Comp. Goodman, P. G. Supt., in his usual able and impressive manner. This old Chapter appears to be in a prosperous condition. I regret, however, that at the last election of officers, this Chapter thought it necessary to elect from J. to Z. without having filled the chair of H., and from the floor to H. without filling the chair of J. Application was made through me for the necessary dispensations for this purpose. Before forwarding the application to the M. E. the Grand Z., however, I wrote the Z. of the Chapter asking explanations, knowing so well that they have several Past Principals who are well qualified for the work. The reply received not being satisfactory I could not therefore conscientiously recommend that their request be complied with. I, however, referred the matter to the M. E. the Grand Z., with my opinion in the matter, and he was pleased to grant the dispensations.

#### MCCALLUM CHAPTER, NO. 29, DUNNVILLE.

I visited this Chapter on 14 January last and had the pleasure of installing its officers. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition, its interests having been well cared for

by painstaking officers and zealous members. The attendance on the evening of my visit was large, although the night was a very stormy one. I find that great interest is taken in the Royal Craft in this place; all apparently trying to do what they can to build up their Chapter. The books are well kept and present a very neat appearance.

#### NIAGARA CHAPTER, NO. 55, NIAGARA.

This Chapter, although not having increased in membership to any extent during the last year or two, is, nevertheless, holding her own; is in a good position and meetings are held regularly except during the summer months, when it is "called off" in order to accommodate a large proportion of its members, who, being engaged in agricultural pursuits, find it difficult to spare time to attend at that season of the year. I received an application from this Chapter in December last for permission to appear, clothed as Royal Arch Masons, at Divine Service, on the occasion of the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, which dispensation I had much pleasure in granting.

#### KING HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 57, PORT COLBORNE.

On the 3rd February last I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter, and was pleased to find a large number of companions present to meet me, from whom I received a right hearty welcome. This Chapter is in a first-class condition, well officered, and the members appear to be doing their utmost in assisting their chief in building up their Chapter. Although having been burned out about two years ago, by which fire they lost all their furniture and paraphernalia, they are now out of debt, notwithstanding having gone to considerable expense in providing new furniture, etc. The attendance is good, and judging from what I saw and heard, the officers are all well up in their work.

#### MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, NO. 76, NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH.

I visited this Chapter on 4th March last and found it in fair condition. It labors under the disadvantage of a scattered membership, in consequence of which meetings have often failed; in fact before my visit they had not met for some months, but since that time I am happy to be able to state that the attendance has been such as to enable them to meet regularly every month. Financially this Chapter is all right, the books are correctly kept, and their neat appearance reflects credit on their Scribe E.



## GRIMSBY CHAPTER, NO. 69, GRIMSBY.

A visit to this Chapter on 16th March afforded me very much pleasure indeed. The meeting was largely attended and an exaltation took place ; the work being conducted as well, if not better, than I have ever seen it done, all the officers being unusually well up in their work, not a whisper by way of prompting could be heard during the whole ceremony. Ex-Comp. Loosley, the Z., with the able assistance of R. E. Comp. Forbes and others, have not labored in vain in their endeavors to make this a model Chapter.

## WILLSON CHAPTER, NO. 64, WELLAND.

I had much pleasure in visiting this Chapter on 27 April last. The meeting was well attended, which I understand is the case every month, and as far as I am able to judge from seeing the opening and closing, the officers are all very well up in their work. R. E. Comp. I. P. Willson, the present Z., is proud of his Chapter, and well he may be, as it is a credit, not only to its members, but also to Grand Chapter.

## STATISTICS.

In accordance with the adopted resolution of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry, I have prepared the following statement of the work and business done in the several Chapters in this District during the past year, which I trust will afford the information desired :

*Statement of work and business in the several Chapters from 1st June, 1886, to 31st May, 1887.*

MOUNT MORIAH, No. 19.—Number of members on roll, 75 ; average attendance compared with actual membership, fair ; number of regular meetings, 9 ; emergent, 1 ; number of applications for exaltation, 3 ; number elected, 1 ; number who received Mark Degree, 1 ; has uniformity and correctness in the work been preserved, or the reverse ? uniformity ; has the work been done by the proper officers of the Chapter, if not, by whom ? proper officers ; number resigned, 1 ; number suspended, N. P. D., 1 ; are Grand Chapter fees and dues paid to date ? yes ; is Hall owned by Chapter or rented ? rented.

MCCALLUM, No. 29.—Number of members on roll, 47 ; average attendance compared with actual membership, 11.47 ;

number of regular meetings, 3 ; number of emergent meetings, 1 ; has uniformity and correctness been preserved, or the reverse ? uniformity ; has the work been done by the proper officers of the Chapter, if not, by whom ? proper officers ; are Grand Chapter fees and dues paid to date ? no ; is Hall owned by Chapter or rented ? rented.

NIAGARA, No. 55.—Number of members on roll, 20 ; average attendance compared with actual membership,  $\frac{2}{3}$  ; number of regular meetings, 6 ; number of emergent meetings, 1 ; has uniformity and correctness in the work been preserved, or the reverse ? uniformity ; has the work been done by the proper officers of the Chapter, if not, by whom ? proper officers ; amount received in dues, \$40 ; cash on hand or invested, \$3 ; are Grand Chapter fees and dues paid to date ? yes ; is Hall owned by Chapter or rented ? rented.

KNIG HIRAM, No. 57.—Number of members on roll, 29 ; average attendance compared with actual membership,  $\frac{1}{3}$  ; number of regular meetings, 3 ; number of emergent meetings, 2 ; has uniformity and correctness in the work been preserved, or the reverse ? uniformity ; has the work been done by the proper officers of the Chapter, if not, by whom ? proper officers ; number resigned, 2 ; number suspended, N. P. D., 5 ; amount received in dues, \$59.50 ; cash on hand or invested, \$12.36 ; are Grand Chapter fees and dues paid to date ? yes ; is Hall owned by Chapter or rented ? rented.

WILLSON, No. 64.—No of members on roll, 32 ; average attendance as compared with actual membership, 12 ; number of regular meetings, 9 ; number of emergent meetings, 2 ; number of applications for exaltation, 2 ; number elected, 2 ; number who received Mark Degree, 2 ; number who received Past Masters' Degree, 2 ; number who received M. E. Master's Degree, 2 ; has uniformity and correctness in the work been preserved, or the reverse ? uniformity ; has the work been done by the proper officers of the Chapter, if not, by whom ? proper officers ; number deceased, 1 ; cash on hand or invested, \$70 ; are Grand Chapter fees and dues paid to date ? yes ; is Hall owned by Chapter or rented ? rented.

GRIMSBY, No. 69.—Number of members on roll, 29 ; average attendance compared with actual membership,  $\frac{1}{3}$  ; number of regular meetings, 10 ; number of emergent meetings, 10 ; number of applications for exaltation 1 ; number elected, 1 ; number who received Mark Degree, 1 ; number who received Past Masters' Degree, 1 ; number who received

M. E. Masters' Degree, 1 ; number exalted, 1 ; has uniformity and correctness in the work been preserved, or the reverse ? uniformity ; has the work been done by the proper officers of the Chapter, if not, by whom ? proper officers ; amount received in fees, \$20 ; amount received in dues, \$10.95 ; cash on hand or invested, \$8.58 ; are Grand Chapter fees and dues paid to date ? yes ; is Hall owned by Chapter or rented ? rented.

MOUNT NEBO, No. 76.—Number on roll, 25 ; number of regular meetings, 5 ; number of applications for exaltation, 1 ; number elected, 1 ; number who received Mark Degree, 1 ; has uniformity and correctness in the work been preserved, or the reverse ? uniformity ; has the work been done by the proper officers of the Chapter, if not, by whom ? proper officers ; number deceased, 2 ; amount received in fees, \$5 ; amount received in dues \$35.20 ; cash on hand or invested, \$11.42 ; are Grand Chapter fees and dues paid to date ? yes ; is Hall owned by Chapter or rented ? rented.

#### OBITUARY.

I regret that two of our most worthy companions have been called to their eternal rest during the past year. Both of these companions were active and honored members of Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76. Ex-Comp. George Goldsborough was H, and Ex-Comp. George J. Duncan, (sheriff of Welland,) P. Z. The former died 25 February, and the latter on 20 April last. These companions were held in the highest esteem by all who enjoyed the pleasure of their acquaintance. Both were interred with Masonic honors. Their remains were followed to their last earthly resting place by a large number of sorrowing relatives, brethren and companions.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I beg to state that the greatest harmony prevails throughout the District, not a single complaint of any kind having reached me during the year.

I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere thanks to the companions of all the Chapters for many courtesies extended to me during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. CLEMENT,  
*Grand Supt. Niagara District.*



## TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I have the honor of herewith submitting my annual report, as Grand Superintendent of Toronto District. And first I would say that the delay in forwarding it has arisen from the lateness in receiving the information desired by the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

My official visits during the first portion of my term of office were confined to the Chapters of St. Andrew and St. John and St. Paul's. Owing to the delay in the issue of the new edition of the ceremonies, I could not lay out for myself any series of visits till the spring had set in, and as I wished particularly to thoroughly inspect the six city Chapters, I found that my visits to the country Chapters would clash with engagements made in the city. I therefore determined to content myself with a strict and systematic enquiry into the mode of work and general condition of the city Chapters. And I was the more readily induced to adopt this course, knowing well how thorough had been the visits of my esteemed predecessor to the Chapters in the country.

## ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, NO. 4.

On the 15th October, 1886, I attended the regular convocation of the above Chapter, the degrees of P. M. and M. E. M. being most creditably exemplified by the 2nd and 3rd Principals, Ex. Comps. Smyth and Williams respectively. On the 13th January, 1887, I witnessed the H. R. A. degree conferred by the 1st Principal, Ex. Comp. Ritchie, who was well supported by his officers. The retentive memory displayed by this veteran Mason was really surprising. He also conferred the P. M. degree; Ex. Comp. Williams, the 3rd Principal, again exemplifying the degree of M. E. M. On the 21st January, 1887, I installed the officers for the Masonic year. At the April convocation, Ex. Comp. Hills, 3rd Principal, conferred the M. M. degree in a most creditable manner; and at the May convocation, Ex. Comp. Williams, 2nd Principal, exemplified the degrees of P. M. and M. E. M. most correctly. At the June convocation, Ex. Comp. Simpson, the Z., well assisted by his staff, conferred the H. R. A. degree in a manner at once creditable to himself and his Chapter, and exceedingly

satisfactory to me. I can accordingly testify that this Chapter is in an excellent condition, and its government in vigorous hands.

KING SOLOMO'NS, NO. 8.

I have made three visits to this Chapter, my first being on the 15th December, 1886, when the H. R. A. Degree was conferred by the 1st Principal. Ex. Comp. Clarke, who gave a very faithful and accurate rendering of the work. I paid my next visit on the 6th April, 1887, when the degrees of M. M. and P. M. were conferred by the 3rd and 2nd Principals, Ex. Comps. Akers and Patterson, respectively.

On the 22nd June, 1887, at an emergent convocation, which I had ordered to be summoned, Ex. Comp. Knifton, the Z. exemplified the H. R. A. Degree impressively and accurately. His health, I was glad to notice, has been fully restored. This Chapter is well governed, and its affairs are in capital shape.

ST. PAUL'S, NO. 65.

This Chapter I have visited four times, my first visit being on the 10th November, 1886, when the Z., Ex. Comp. Postlethwaite, exemplified the H. R. A. Degree most correctly and pleasingly. On the 13th April, 1887, the degrees of P. M. and M. E. M. were conferred by the 3rd and 2nd Principals, Ex. Comps. Ponton and Manley, respectively, the work being well done. On the 11th May, 1887, I witnessed the conferring of the H. R. A. Degree, (the 1st Principal, Ex. Comp. Best, presiding) in a manner that it would be difficult to equal, everything moving with regularity and precision. And on the regular convocation in June, I was present at the conferring of the M. M. Degree by the 3rd Principal, Ex. Comp. Ponton, who did it well. This Chapter is in a splendid condition, everything being well looked after.

OCCIDENT, NO. 77.

I have made three visits to this Chapter ; the first when I installed the officers at the January Convocation, and the second at the April Convocation, when the degrees of M. M. and P. M. were well worked by the 3rd and 2nd Principals, Ex. Comps. Riddell and Hickson, respectively. I paid my third visit at the May Convocation, the H. R. A. Degree being

correctly exemplified by Ex. Comp. Hetherington, the Z., exceedingly well supported by his officers. This Chapter is now making progress, I am happy to be able to say.

## ORIENT, NO. 79.

To this Chapter I have made four visits. I attended in the first instance the regular convocation in January, in accordance with a petition to that effect, to hear an expression of opinion for and against the removal of the Chapter to the place whence it came in 1878, over the river Don. On this evening, the Most Ex. the Grand Z., installed the officers, except the 2nd Principal elect, who was unable to be present. My second visit was made at the regular convocation in February, for the purpose of installing that officer. I may say that I decided against the removal of the Chapter, as petitioned for. My third visit was made at the May convocation, but no work was done. However, at the June convocation, Ex. Comp. Bates, the 3rd Principal, conferred the M. M. Degree very creditably, indeed, and to my entire satisfaction. I must add that I have since seen the H. R. A. Degree exemplified by the officers at a Chapter of Instruction, and am satisfied as to their qualifications. I think better days are in store for Orient Chapter, and it certainly deserves success. It could not have a more efficient presiding officer than Ex. Comp. Leslie, who is loyally supported by his staff.

## ANTIQUITY, NO. 91.

I have visited this Chapter twice, my first visit being at the April convocation, when the M. M. Degree was exemplified by the 3rd Principal, Ex. Comp. Taylor. On my second visit the H. R. A. Degree was conferred by the I. P. Z. Ex. Comp. Rowe, (the Z. Ex. Comp. Todd being unable to confer it, owing to a death in his family) and although the 2nd Principal, Ex. Comp. Mansell was very unwell at the time, the work was on the whole very well done.

The Comps. of Antiquity were most hospitable on both occasions, and paid me every attention. The Chapter is in a sound and vigorous state.

I now herewith submit the information desired in the Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, as far as I am able, certain Chapters not having complied with my request to that effect.

ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, No. 4.—Visits paid and dates, 6 ; 15th October, 1886 ; 13th January, 1887 ; 21st January, 1887 ; 15th April, 1887 ; 20th May, 1887 ; 17th June, 1887 ; average attendance, 18 ; actual membership, 104 ; number of meetings held, 11 regular, 2 emergent, 13 in all ; state of work, uniform and correct ; number of times degrees worked, 10 ; character of work, good ; by whom work done, Z. 4, H. 3, J. 3 ; state of books, etc., dues owing, \$347.87 ; one year, 44 ; two years, 12 ; three years and over, 13 ; applications for Chapter degrees, 13 ; did not come up, 9 ; monetary resources, 80% of arrears ; amount of invested funds, cash \$80 ; Hall owned or rented, rented ; number of Chapters of instruction, this Chapter held its own.

KING SOLOMON'S, No. 8.—Visits paid and dates, 3 ; 15th December, 1886 ; 6th April, 1887 ; 22nd June, 1887 ; average attendance, 20 ; actual membership, 138 ; number of meetings held, 13 regular, 3 emergent, 16 in all ; state of work, uniform and correct ; number of times degrees worked, 16 ; character of work, good ; by whom work done, Z. 8, P. Z. 6, H. 1, J. 1 ; state of books, etc., dues owing, \$67.50 ; one year, 9 ; two years, 2 ; applications for Chapter degrees 12 ; did not come up, 7 ; monetary resources, \$200 cash ; amount of invested funds, \$800 ; Hall owned or rented, rented ; number of Chapters of instruction, this Chapter held its own.

MANITOU, No. 27.—Average attendance, 10 ; actual membership, 28 ; number of meetings held, 5 regular ; number of times degrees worked, 2 ; by whom work done, Z. ; state of books, etc., dues owing, \$44 ; one year, 11 ; two years, 4 ; three years, 1 ; applications for Chapter degrees, 3 ; did not come up, 1 ; monetary resources, \$45 ; Hall owned or rented, rented.

ST. PAUL'S, No. 65.—Visits paid and dates, 4 ; 10th November, 1886 ; 13th April, 1887 ; 11th May, 1887 ; 8th June, 1887 ; average attendance, 19 ; actual membership, 60 ; number of meetings held, 10 regular, 1 emergent, 11 in all ; state of work, uniform and correct ; number of times degrees worked, 14 ; character of work, good ; by whom work done, Z. 8, P. Z. 1, H. 4, J. 1 ; state of books, etc., dues owing, \$40.75 ; one year, 5 ; three years, 1 ; applications for Chapter degrees, 3 ; did not come up, 3 ; monetary resources, cash \$92.50, interest at 4% ; Hall owned or rented, rented ; number of Chapters of instruction, this Chapter held its own.

OCCIDENT, No. 77.—Visits paid and dates, 3 ; 10th January, 1887 ; 11th April, 1887 ; 9th May, 1887 ; average attendance, 17 ; actual membership, 76 ; number of meetings held, 10 regular, 1 emergent, 11 in all ; state of work, uniform and correct ; number of times degrees worked, 4 ; character of work, good ; by whom work done, Z. 3, I. P. Z. 1 ; state of books, etc., dues owing, \$230 ; one year, 10 ; two years, 9 ; three years, 12 ; applications for Chapter degrees, 7 ; did not come up, 6 ; Hall owned or rented, rented ; number of Chapters of instruction, this Chapter held its own.

ORIENT, No. 79.—Visits paid and dates, 4 ; 27th January, 1887 ; 24th February, 1887 ; 26th May, 1887 ; 23rd June, 1887 ; average attendance, 12 ; actual membership, 53 ; number of meetings held, 10 regular ; state of work, uniform and correct ; number of times degrees worked, 2 ; character of work, good ; by whom work done, J. 2 ; state of books, etc., dues owing, \$145 ; one year, 15 ; two years, 8 ; three years, 4 ; applications for Chapter degrees, 18 ; did not come up, 17 ; monetary resources, cash \$130 ; Hall owned or rented, rented ; number of Chapters of instruction, this Chapter held its own.

MACPHERSON, No. 86.—Average attendance, 10 ; actual membership, 22 ; number of meetings held, 6 regular, 1 emergent, 7 in all ; applications for Chapter degrees, 1 ; did not come up, 1 ; Hall owned or rented, rented.

ANTIQUITY, No. 91.—Visits paid and dates, 2 ; 12th April, 1887 ; 10th May, 1887 ; average attendance, 15 ; actual membership, 32 ; number of meetings held, 12 regular, 7 emergent, 19 in all ; state of work, uniform and correct ; number of times degrees worked, 31 ; character of work, good ; by whom work done, Z. 5, I. P. Z. 5, P. Z. 9, H. 5, J. 7 ; state of books, etc., dues owing, \$27.50 ; applications for Chapter degrees, 16 ; did not come up, 4 ; Hall owned or rented, rented ; number of Chapters of instruction, this Chapter held its own.

I have had occasion twice to recommend to the Most Ex. the Grand Z., the issuing of dispensations, viz :

To install as a 1st Principal an Ex. Comp., not an installed 2nd Principal, and to install as 2nd Principal a Comp., not an installed 3rd Principal. The dispensations, the Most Ex. the Grand Z. promptly granted.

I am sorry to have to report that two Chapters in this District are behind in their returns to Grand Chapter—



Seymour, No. 38, and York, No. 62. As the former is over two years in arrears, and no attention has been paid to my requests on the subject, I must recommend that its Warrant be withdrawn.

It will be observed in the returns above referred to, that some of the Chapters have large arrears. I have alluded to the matter, and a vigorous effort has been promised to remove them.

I have only, in conclusion, to thank most heartily the officers and companions of the Chapters visited by me for their kindness and attention on all occasions, and also the R. Ex. the Grand Scribe E. for his courtesy during my official year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SEYMOUR PORTER,  
*Grand Supt. Toronto District.*

Toronto, 5th July, 1887.

### ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to make a more favorable report of the state of the Royal Craft in Ontario District than has been possible for some years past. The Chapters comprise

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| Pentalpha,  | No. 28, Oshawa.  |
| Keystone,   | " 35, Whitby.    |
| Corinthian, | " 36, Peterboro' |
| Victoria,   | " 37, Port Hope. |
| Excelsior,  | " 45, Colborne.  |
| St. John's, | " 48, Cobourg.   |
| Midland,    | U. D. Lindsay.   |

The latter is a new Chapter, dispensation for which was granted by the Grand Z. on my recommendation during the year. With the exception of Excelsior, Colborne, all the Chapters are actively working.

Keystone, at Whitby, has been re-organized, and under E. Comp. W. R. Howse, I have no doubt it will go on and prosper. The difficulty has been that the field of the Chapters in Whitby and Oshawa has been too limited, and I am hopeful that in a proposed change will be found the remedy.

At a recent meeting of Pentalpha, at Oshawa, a proposition for the removal of the Chapter to Bowmanville was favorably entertained, and an agreement reached which I hope will be successfully carried out. A number of the members reside in Bowmanville, (an active manufacturing town possessing good material) so that a large accession to the membership may be looked for immediately on its removal there. All arrears have been paid up, and I trust nothing will intervene to prevent the present bright prospects being carried out.

Corinthian Chapter, at Peterboro', is in an exceedingly flourishing condition—well officered, and its work and business conducted in a most creditable manner. Ex. Comps. Shortly, Z, James Alexander, H., and D. Belleghem, J., are model officers, and the Scribe E. is by no means behind, his books showing careful and accurate work. On the occasion of my visit to Peterboro', I was greatly pleased to find present among the members several old friends whom I have known as active workers in the Craft for many years, among them M. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonald, R. E. Comp. E. H. D. Hall and V. E. Walter Paterson, Jr. I trust the harmony and enthusiasm existing among the members of Corinthian Chapter may long continue, and its prosperity keep on growing.

Victoria Chapter, at Port Hope, is in a good financial position, and though a great deal of work has not been done during the past year, I do not think the officers are to blame, as they evince a worthy readiness to faithfully discharge their duties. A number of the members are non-residents, which necessarily precludes large meetings.

Excelsior Chapter, at Colborne, I am sorry to say, still remains in a dormant condition, but I am led to hope that the amalgamation of the two Lodges in the village is likely to be satisfactorily carried out, and in that event a number of applicants are expected to present themselves. This Chapter has excellent paraphernalia for the working of all the degrees, and as the liabilities are very trifling I hope, with a little encouragement from my successor, to see it flourishing again in a very short time. I paid a visit to Colborne for the purpose of arranging for the removal of this Chapter to another part of the District, but the negotiations fell through, not however, from any fault on the part of the Colborne Companions, who were very reasonable throughout, and expressed their willingness to leave their interests in my hands. From the kindly



manner of the Companions towards me, and their zeal for the advancement of the best interests of R. A. Masonry, I shall take a warm interest in the future welfare of Excelsior until I see it substantially on its feet again, which I trust will be at an early date.

St. John's Chapter, Cobourg, is an excellent one, and being easy of access from Port Hope, I paid it a number of visits during the year. The officers work well—they are enthusiastic, and their meetings are well attended. The books are well kept and the equipment is excellent, while its financial condition is healthy and steadily improving. The Z. E. Comp. David McNaughton; the H. E. Comp. P. J. Lightburn, and the J. E. Comp. E. H. Fogarty, are deserving of especial praise.

Midland Chapter, Lindsay, was instituted by me during the year. It has excellent prospects, being in the centre of a large and wealthy district, with a number of Lodges to draw from. The Companions started out with a large number of applications, and from my observation I look for a prosperous career for it. E. Comp. J. W. Wallace, the Z., has had a large experience and backed by zealous officers, will do good work. Midland Chapter has a bright future before it.

No complaints have been laid before me during the year, indicating a state of harmony in the Craft highly commendable.

My thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the M. E. the Grand Z., M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, Toronto, and to R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., for their assistance and advice on many occasions. To their aid I attribute much of my success in getting the old Chapters into good working order. I am also under great obligations to E. Comp. P. J. Lightburn, of St. John's Chapter, Cobourg, who accompanied me to Lindsay, Colborne, &c., and was ever ready to aid me in advancing the interests of the Chapters in the District. As a worker, in my experience of 20 years as a Mason, I have never met his equal. He can work all the degrees from the E. A. up, with faultless accuracy, and I predict for him a brilliant career. I am also under obligations to M. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonald, R. E. Comp. E. H. D. Hall, E. Comps. B. Shortly and James Alexander, of Peterboro'; R. E. Comps. Chas. Doeblor, E. Comp. F. E. Gaudrie, Port Hope; V. E. Comp. R. J. Winch, Cobourg, and others, for their kindness to me on

various occasions during the past two years. Indeed, in every part of the District, and by every companion, I have been received with the greatest courtesy and kindly fraternal feeling on all occasions, and I bespeak for my successor a like reception.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. TRAYES,  
*Grand Supt. Ontario District*

### PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to present herewith my annual report as the Superintendent of Prince Edward District.

Heretofore this District has been reported as comprising four Chapters in all—three in a healthy state and one “dormant,” but after visiting the former abode of this “dormant” Chapter, and searching in vain for its warrant and other evidences of vitality, I have arrived at the melancholy conviction that St. Mark’s Chapter, No. 26, is dead. Further information concerning this Chapter may be found in my special report.

#### PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 31,

was visited officially on the 9th of May, 1887, and found to be in a vigorous condition—peace, plenty, and harmony appearing to prevail. As a large number of the companions reside out of the town of Picton, and some out of the county, the average attendance is only about 25 per cent of the actual membership. The Chapter holds regular monthly, and sometimes emergent meetings. The work is well done by zealous officers; no pains being spared to keep the work abreast with the latest authorized improvements. During the Masonic year four brethren have been exalted, one companion has joined the Chapter, one has taken his demit, and two have died.

Work is done by the three Principals. The Royal Arch work is done in a very exemplary manner by the Past Z., R. E. Comp Murney.

On account of the Chapter being under very little expense, the dues are small and not promptly collected. There were six applicants for Chapter degrees, two of whom left the county.

without coming up. The Chapter has no funds invested. The Chapter meets in a handsome Hall owned by the Craft. No Chapters of instruction were held, and, judging from the character of the work done on the night of my official visit, they are not needed.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NO. 44.

I had the extreme pleasure of visiting this Chapter on the 4th of May, 1887. Unfortunately there was no work to be done, but the kindly greeting and general hospitality extended to the District Superintendent and the small party of Belleville companions who accompanied him, made the visit very enjoyable. I was pleased to see a determination on the part of the Chapter to enforce prompt payment of dues. The average attendance is about 27 per cent. of the actual membership—a good per centage when one takes into consideration the distance some of the companions must go to attend. There were six meetings held by the Chapter during the year. The work is done by the Z., R. E. Comp. Walters, and having seen him exemplify the work in Belleville, I am sure he does the work of his own Chapter in a way that leaves nothing to be desired. The books are well kept, and the companions not allowed to get too far in arrears without timely admonition as to consequences. The fact that there are only \$17 back dues on the books shows that the Chapter's finances are managed on sound business principles. Two brethren applied for Chapter degrees recently, but neither of them has as yet come up. The monetary resources of the Chapter are quite sufficient to pay running expenses, but like most Chapters it has no funds invested. There are about \$140 in the Treasurer's hands. The Chapter meets in a Hall owned by the Craft. No regular Chapters of instruction were held, but almost every regular meeting is constituted a Chapter of instruction, in which the officers and companions are thoroughly drilled in their work. When such painstaking zeal is displayed by R. E. Comp. Walters, and appreciated by the other officers and companions, it is not to be wondered at that the Chapter has earned such an enviable reputation for efficient work.

MOIRA CHAPTER, NO. 7.

Having been honored with the position of 1st Principal in this Chapter for this and several preceding years, I naturally attend it regularly. The dates of visits need not be given ;

the average attendance is 20; the actual membership 83. There have been 12 meetings of the Chapter during the year. It is impossible for a 1st Principal to give an unprejudiced opinion concerning the work done in his own Chapter. I think I am safe in saying that the work is fairly well done. Every officer of the Chapter does *the whole work* of his office, and the 1st Principal is very proud of his officers. The Chapter degrees were worked four times during the year, and one companion affiliated. The books are in competent hands, and for neatness and order cannot be excelled. The gross amount of dues owing for one year and over is \$142.70. At the end of the year 1885 there were \$216 back dues unpaid—showing that the Chapter has been steadily reducing the amount of its outstanding assets. There are \$90 in the Treasurer's hands. There were four applications for Chapter degrees. The Chapter has no monetary resources other than its fees and dues. It has no funds invested. The Chapter meets in a Hall which is frescoed and furnished expressly for Chapter purposes, and is owned by the Craft. No Chapters of instruction were held.

In closing my report I wish to congratulate all concerned in the harmony which prevails throughout the District. No complaints were made, no dispensations asked for, no constitutional points to decide, no worry—nothing to disturb the sweet serenity of “that comely order” which is “the soul’s calm sunshine.”

JOHN J. FARLEY,

*Grand Supt. Prince Edward District,*

Belleville. June 16, 1887.

#### CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In submitting my third annual report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Central District, I have much pleasure in stating that on the whole, steady progress has been made.

#### ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARAQUI, NO. 1.

This Chapter has the greatest numerical strength of any in this District, having upwards of 100 companions on the roll; 12 regular, and 3 emergent convocations have been held during the year, and 3 new companions added to the list.

The attendance has not been as good as it ought to be for so large a membership, still the work is well done and the Chapter holds its own. The companions of the late Cataraqui Chapter are to be highly commended for their generosity in presenting their furniture and regalia to Pembroke Chapter, in order to assist in getting Pembroke Chapter in good working order.

#### CARLETON CHAPTER, NO. 16.

Steady progress has been made in Carleton Chapter, during the past year; 9 regular and 3 emergent convocations have been held. The attendance on the whole is good, and the officers are most enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons.

During the year 6 companions have been added, and there is every prospect of work in the near future. On the 16th of Sept., I had much pleasure in accompanying the M. Ex., the Grand Z. on his official visit, when we were received by the officers and companions in a most fraternal manner.

#### GRENVILLE CHAPTER, NO. 22.

This is the only Chapter in working order that I have been unable to visit since I have held the office of Grand Superintendent.

I am in receipt of a letter from Comp. Scribe E., informing me that 1 emergent and 11 regular meetings have been held the past year; as he has never sent me a copy of summons for any of the convocations, I am unable to give any idea of the work which has been done. The clause of the constitution referring to notices should be better observed; it would enable the Grand Superintendent to select the time of his visit, when there would be a probability of seeing the degrees conferred.

#### PEMBROKE, NO. 58, PEMBROKE.

I am sorry to say little or no progress has been made since my last annual report.

Comp. J. H. Burritt, wrote me on the 2nd October last, "that a meeting would be held that evening for the election of officers and receiving applications, and arrangements would be made with me to do the work." As the requisite number of Royal Arch Masons with the proper qualifications were not present, an informal meeting was held and the officers agreed



upon. Finding there were not sufficient companions living in Pembroke to open a Chapter in a regular manner for the reception of applications and election of officers, and that it would necessitate at least 6 companions to assist at the conferring of the subordinate degrees, I suggested that 5 or 6 of the applications should be sent in to Carleton Chapter, and if accepted, the degrees could be conferred, and when Pembroke Chapter had elected and invested its Treasurer, the fees less amount paid to Grand Chapter could be returned to them. The Most Ex. Grand Z. approved of my suggestion, but it was not acceptable to the Pembroke companions; if this had been accepted, there would have been the necessary numerical strength, and it would only have required companions to have filled the principal chairs, it is not always an easy matter for the Grand Superintendent to get together 5 or 6 companions well qualified to make 2 trips such a distance. I am still of the opinion that my suggestion should be adopted and whatever is done, should be in a constitutional manner. I am informed that there are upwards of 20 applications ready to come in, and it is unfortunate the Chapter is not in a position to take advantage of the same.

#### SUSSEX NO. 59, BROCKVILLE.

This Chapter is now one of the first Chapters in this District, no less than 6 emergent convocations have been held in addition to the regular meetings, and 5 new companions added to the roll. When visiting the Chapter last year, I found a number of articles were desirable for the better working of the Chapter, I am much pleased to say these have been procured at considerable cost. The companions are to be commended for the zeal displayed. The First Principal is a painstaking officer, and he is well supported by his assistants.

#### GRANITE CHAPTER, NO. 61, ALMONTE.

In addition to the regular convocations, emergent meetings have been held, and a number of new companions added to their list of membership. Their affairs are in a prosperous condition. This Chapter is especially fortunate in having quite a number of efficient Past Principals who still take great interest in the work, and I am glad to say since this Chapter has been in Almonte, steady progress has been made.

#### MAITLAND, NO. 68, NORTH AUGUSTA.

On the 29th March. at the request of the companions, I

granted permission to remove this Chapter from Maitland to North Augusta. For some time this Chapter has been in a dormant condition, although regularly sending in its returns to Grand Chapter. A Chapter at Maitland, situated as it is between between the Chapters at Prescott and Brockville, had little chance of succeeding ; in North Augusta there is a better field. At the present time there are quite a number of applications to be received, and I have no doubt by this time next year, the membership will be considerably increased.

Some time ago I received a letter from S. E. Comp. Chapman, informing me that the Chapter's Seal, Minute Book, etc., were in the possession of his predecessor, R. E. Comp. John Moore, and asking me to procure them. I made repeated personal applications to Comp. Moore, but so far he has only sent back the seal and some papers ; he still retains the Minute Book, and the Chapter records are incomplete. Comp. Moore has promised to send the Minute Book, and I trust he will do so.

#### DEATHS.

I have been informed of the death of one companion in this District, Comp. Samuel Thornton, of Chapter No. 1.

#### DISPENSATION.

On 24th June I granted dispensation to Sussex Chapter, No. 59, to appear in regalia, while attending Divine Service on Sunday, 26th June.

On retiring from the office which I have held for the last three years, I have to thank the companions for their uniform kindness.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWIN PLANT,  
*Grand Supt. Central District.*

Ottawa, 9th July, 1887.

#### MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Manitoba District of Royal Arch Masons of Canada for the past year, and in doing so I have great pleasure in reporting that the Royal Arch Chapters within



my jurisdiction as Grand Superintendent of the Manitoba District, are flourishing and in a prosperous condition.

There are at present only two Chapters in this District, viz.: Prince Rupert Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg. Golden Royal Arch Chapter, No. 90, Rat Portage.

#### PRINCE RUPERT ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NO. 52, WINNIPEG.

I visited this Chapter at the regular convocation on 6th day of January, A. L. 2417, being the evening of the installation of officers. This Chapter during the past years has been presided over by distinguished Right Excellent Companions, but on the night of my official visit neither the Right Excellent the First Principal or the Scribe E. of the Chapter were present, but on that occasion Very Excellent Comp. John Leslie, one of the zealous and energetic Royal Arch Masons in this District presided, who received me as Grand Superintendent of the District in a courteous manner. During the course of the evening I took the opportunity to examine the books of the Chapter for the past year, and found them not in a satisfactory condition, in consequence, as I was informed by several companions of the Chapters, caused by the absence of the Scribe E. and inattention to the duties as Scribe E. of the Chapter, but I was assured that in a very short time the books would be properly examined and the affairs of the Chapter placed in a first-class position before the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and I am pleased that such has been the case, and the books of the Chapter are now in a first-class and creditable condition, which reflects credit upon the present officers of the Chapter. On the occasion of my official visit I had the extreme pleasure of installing the officers of the Chapter, assisted by the zealous and indefatigable Mason, Right Excellent Comp. Joseph Hursell, and my old friend and companion, Very Excellent Comp. John Leslie.

The elective officers installed on that occasion were as follows, viz.:

|                 |                    |                      |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Excellent Comp. | W. G. Bell,        | First Principal, Z.  |
| "               | " Thomas Robinson, | Second Principal, H. |
| "               | " James Hurst,     | Third Principal, J.  |
| "               | " Daniel Hope,     | Scribe E.            |
| "               | " G. Brown,        | Scribe N.            |
| "               | " J. J. Jackson,   | Treasurer.           |
| "               | " T. W. Leggo,     | Principal Sojourner. |

This Chapter has a staff of zealous and enthusiastic officers and cannot fail to be successful and prosperous; with a presiding officer like E. Comp. W. G. Bell, who does everything that he undertakes in a highly satisfactory manner. On the occasion of the installation I predicted that the Chapter would prosper during the present year under the guidance of the above officers, and I am pleased to report that my views on that occasion have been fulfilled. I have known the Excellent Comps. W. G. Bell and Thos. Robinson for the past five years, ever since residing in this District, and was gratified to know that the Chapter had placed into office these two companions as the two principal officers of the Chapter. In my experience connected with Masonry for many years, no Lodge or Chapter can be successful unless good officers, and attentive to the duties they are called upon to fulfill, are elected to the principal chairs, and I believe that I echo the sentiments of every true Mason when I express myself in this manner.

I intended to have again officially visited this Chapter before the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, but as the distance is so great, and my duties have not required me in Winnipeg, I have been unable to visit this Chapter as I expected to do, but through the kindness and courtesy of Ex. Comp. W. G. Bell, First Principal Z. of the Chapter, as promised, I have been furnished with a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Chapter and the work performed since the 1st day of January, A. L. 2417, which is as follows, viz.:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Cash balance on hand 1st January, A. L. 2417,..... | \$ 295 50 |
| Receipts, .....                                    | 633 82    |
|  | <hr/>     |
|  | 929 32    |
| Disbursements since 1st January A. L. 2417,.....   | 496 75    |
|  | <hr/>     |
| Cash balance on hand as at date,.....              | \$ 432 57 |

The Chapter has on hand at the present time \$432.57, and entirely free of debt, which is certainly creditable, and it is questionable if any other Chapter in Canada is in such a prosperous financial condition.

I think it right to mention that the Chapter is now in possession of banners, which should be possessed by every Royal Arch Chapter, and a complete and new set of paraphernalia, in order that the Chapter may be in a position to confer

degrees and the business connected with a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

I may mention that the large disbursements of the Chapter were in consequence of the Chapter having purchased a new set of banners and paraphernalia at a cost of \$190. During the past year the Chapter has exalted twenty-nine candidates, and three companions have affiliated with the Chapter, making a total admission of thirty-one members. There is an average attendance of thirty-three companions at the convocations of the Chapter, which is gratifying to the officers of the Chapter. There is a large amount of work before the Chapter, which will further increase the membership. This Chapter has now a membership of nearly 100, and I trust that next year the Chapter will still further increase in membership, and still retain the prestige of being a credit to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

#### GOLDEN ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NO. 90, RAT PORTAGE.

This Chapter is also in a prosperous and satisfactory condition, and as I had the honor of assisting to organize this Chapter and held the office of First Principal for two years, and ever since retiring from the chair of First Principal, I have taken an active interest in its affairs. I do not think I should express myself, but at the same time I would not be performing my duty, were I not to give a true state of the affairs of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter, irrespective of my connection as a private member of the same.

The Chapter has now been in existence over four years, and during that period the officers and companions of the Chapter have taken a deep interest in its affairs in a true Masonic spirit, and although the membership is not large, still the Chapter consists of Masons loyal to our royal craft. This Chapter has to depend upon one craft Lodge to receive members, and although this is a large tract of country, the same is not populated to any great extent. The jurisdiction of the Chapter is larger than any other Chapter under the Grand Chapter of Canada, the nearest Chapter to the west being one hundred and thirty-five miles and the nearest Chapter to the east three hundred miles distant.

I visited this Chapter officially on the 21st day of September, A. L., 2416, and was courteously received as the representative of the Grand Chapter by the officers and companions of

the Chapter. The First Principal Z., Ex. Comp., David T. Ferguson performed his work well on that occasion, and I only express the sentiments of my predecessors when I report that the Chapter is still retaining, and will, I have no doubt, retain the honor of conducting the affairs of and conferring the degrees with any Chapter within this jurisdiction

On the 15th day of February, A. L. 2417, I visited the Chapter and had the pleasure of installing the officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. E. H. Van Ettan, an enthusiastic and energetic companion. I found the Chapter as on my former visit, in a flourishing condition, and the officers I had the pleasure of installing are Masons, who would be a great credit to any Chapter. The elective officers installed on that occasion are as follows, viz :

|      |            |                          |
|------|------------|--------------------------|
|      | Ex. Comp., | David T. Ferguson, Z.    |
|      | " "        | Wm. H. Clark, H.         |
|      | " "        | Angus Carmichael, J.     |
| R. " | " "        | John Kerr Brydon, S. E.  |
|      | " "        | G. W. Kobold, S. N.      |
|      | " "        | H. F. Holmes, Treasurer. |
|      | " "        | Donald Campbell, P. S.   |

I am satisfied that the Chapter will prosper and flourish. During the past year the work done in the Chapter has not been so great as on former occasions, but this can easily be accounted for in consequence of companions moving into other districts. This Chapter has only being supported by one Craft Lodge during the past four years, but a dispensation has been granted to a Craft Lodge at Keewatin, a distance of about three miles, and with these two Lodges, I have no doubt that this Chapter will now be more prosperous in the future than in the past. The Chapter has a well furnished Hall, with all the paraphrenalia (excepting the banners) to confer all the degrees, and I am pleased to report that the Chapter is entirely free from debt and a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer. There is a membership of at least thirty-five, and the attendance is first-class, and I doubt if several of the Chapters situated in towns or cities where there is a large number of Masons, could have such a large attendance. This Chapter derives its name "Golden," in consequence of the gold fields on the Lake of the Woods, and may the name inspire all true Masons to be bright and active to discharge their Masonic duties with fervency and zeal.

## DISPENSATIONS.

At the request of Golden Chapter, No. 90, Rat Portage, I recommended to the M. Ex., the Grand Z., the issue of a Dispensation to elect and install the officers of the Chapter at the regular Convocation on the 15th Feby., 1887, as the Chapter had not elected and installed the officers in terms of the By-laws. The Dispensation was granted and the officers were duly installed. I take the liberty of suggesting that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter be so amended as to extend the powers of the Grand Superintendent of Districts more especially in this section, as the distance is so great that it takes many days to send a communication to the Grand Scribe E., and receive a reply especially in the winter months, and although the Grand Scribe E. is prompt in replying to communications, still delay is caused by the irregularity of the mails. I think that the Grand Superintendent should have the power of granting Dispensations to elect and install officers, and to permit Chapters to hold Convocations with less than seven days' notice as provided for, and I am satisfied if Grand Superintendents had the power of issuing dispensations as suggested, they would exercise their prerogatives only on special occasions.

I expected that during the year one or two applications for Dispensations to organize new Chapters in the District would have been made, being under the impression that new Chapters would have been organized at Winnipeg, Brandon and other places. In consequence however, of the unsettled state of the country at the present time, this has been to a great extent the reason why Chapters have not been established in these places. An Ex. Companion in Qu'Appelle in the Northwest territories, wrote me some time ago if I would recommend a Chapter in Qu'Appelle, and I replied that I would if that section of the country could support a Chapter. I have not had any further correspondence on the subject. There are now at least twenty Craft Lodges in the Territories, and I trust that one Chapter will be instituted in these territories at an early date.

I regret that I will be unable to attend the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, on account of the great distance and the time occupied. I trust that I will be able to meet all my old companions in Grand Chapter next year,

I shall look back with pleasure to the fraternal courtesies that



I have received from all Masons with whom I have come in contact during my visits. May the Most High bless and prosper the Grand Chapter and its officers and companions throughout the ages to come.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN KERR BRYDON,  
*Grand Sup. Manitoba District.*

Rat Portage, 15th June, A. D., 1887.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Robt. Hendry, jr., seconded by R. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, and

**Resolved,** That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The following special reports were then presented in answer to the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee of last year, (see printed proceedings, 1886, page 202 :

#### HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Re arrears due from St. James' Chapter, No. 46.

These arrears have been accumulating since 1873. The Chapter was burned out in 1874 and has never met since.

On my visit to St. Mary's I could only find three companions who were members of St. James' Chapter, and there are not nine Royal Arch Masons in the place altogether. No Chapter was ever more dead than this one, and I do not believe there is the slightest hope of a resurrection.

I would recommend that the dues owing from this Chapter be charged to profit and loss account and the Charter recalled; so that if any R. A. Masons resident in St. Mary's should hereafter desire to establish a Chapter, they may be at liberty to do so without a debt hanging over their heads.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DEWITT H. MARTYN,  
*Grand Supt. Huron District.*

Kincardine, 27th June, A. I. 2417.

## PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Audit and Finance Committee for 1886 having recommended that a special report on Chapters a long way in arrears be made by the Grand District Superintendents of those Districts in which certain specified delinquent Chapters *are held*, I am in doubt as to the propriety of troubling you with a report concerning St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, because a meeting of that Chapter has *not been held* for a great many years. However, rather than incur the risk of being charged with negligence, I beg leave to report that St. Mark's once prospered in the flourishing town of Trenton, but from some cause unknown to me it became dormant several years ago and remained in that condition until it virtually ceased to exist. During the year I caused the following circular letter to be sent to the companions of Trenton and vicinity :

DEAR SIR AND COMP.,

The Grand Superintendent of the District is desirous of meeting a number of the companions in Trenton next Tuesday evening, to consider the propriety of establishing a Royal Arch Chapter here. Will you kindly try and attend a meeting for that purpose at the Lodge room next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

I am, yours fraternally,

(Signed) W. T. WILKINS.

Trenton, April 16th. 1887.

I was on hand at the time and place mentioned, but found only four companions, three of whom had been old members of St. Mark's, and the fourth had come to town after the Chapter had gone into its long recess. No more companions put in an appearance later in the evening, although we remained in the Lodge room over an hour. None of the companions present knew anything of the whereabouts of the warrant, or whether such a document is in existence. Three of the companions would be willing to join if a new Chapter were established in Trenton, but not willing to take any active part in the work, the fourth companion was willing to join a new Chapter, and if required, work it. None of the companions favored the idea of attempting to resuscitate St. Mark's. For some reason which I have not discovered the suggestion



to resurrect the Chapter arouses no enthusiasm among Royal Arch Masons of Trenton. I would therefore recommend that the name of St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, be erased from the books of this Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. FARLEY,

*Grand Supt. Prince Edward District.*

Belleville, June 16th, 1887.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

**Resolved**, That these special reports be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., submitted his annual and cash statements of moneys received during the past year, together with the books, etc.

R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, submitted his annual statement of receipts and disbursements with vouchers attached.

## ANNUAL STATEMENT, JUNE 30TH, 1887.

DAVID McLELLAN, G. S. E., in account with Grand Chapter.

|   |           |   |           |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| No. 1—Ancie't Frontenac<br>and Cataraqui . \$ | 30 20     | Brought forward.....                              | \$1026 05 |
| " 2—The Hiram.....                            | 70 20     | " 57—King Hiram.....                              | 9 80      |
| " 3—St. John's.....                           | 24 40     | " 59—Sussex.....                                  | 25 00     |
| " 4—St. Andrew and<br>St. John.....           | 39 80     | " 60—Doric.....                                   | 15 00     |
| " 5—St. George's.....                         | 37 20     | " 61—Granite.....                                 | 11 80     |
| " 6—St. John's.....                           | 53 70     | " 62—York.....                                    | 26 05     |
| " 7—Moir.....                                 | 31 90     | " 63—Havelock.....                                | 26 20     |
| " 8—King Solomon's..                          | 102 90    | " 64—Willson.....                                 | 16 80     |
| " 10—New Brunswick..                          | 56 80     | " 65—St. Paul's.....                              | 34 00     |
| " 11—St. Mark's.....                          | 20        | " 66—The Malloch.....                             | 44 90     |
| " 15—Wawanosh.....                            | 4 00      | " 68—Maitland.....                                | 36 90     |
| " 16—Carleton.....                            | 28 70     | " 69—Grimsby.....                                 | 12 80     |
| " 18—Oxford.....                              | 12 60     | " 70—Grand River.....                             | 6 60      |
| " 19—Mt. Moriah.....                          | 20 40     | " 71—Prince of Wales..                            | 14 00     |
| " 20—Mt. Horeb.....                           | 9 80      | " 75—St. Clair.....                               | 11 20     |
| " 24—Tecumseh.....                            | 17 60     | " 76—Mount Nebo.....                              | 10 00     |
| " 27—Manitou.....                             | 7 60      | " 77—Occident.....                                | 6 00      |
| " 29—McCallum.....                            | 10 00     | " 79—Orient.....                                  | 18 20     |
| " 30—Huron.....                               | 25 00     | " 80—Ark.....                                     | 16 90     |
| " 31—Prince Edward ..                         | 4 00      | " 81—Aylmer.....                                  | 28 10     |
| " 32—Waterloo.....                            | 20 80     | " 82—Shuniah.....                                 | 12 50     |
| " 34—Signet.....                              | 21 80     | " 85—Exeter.....                                  | 18 40     |
| " 35—Keystone.....                            | 3 00      | " 86—Macpherson.....                              | 16 40     |
| " 36—Corinthian.....                          | 19 30     | " 87—Wentworth.....                               | 22 80     |
| " 37—Victoria.....                            | 9 40      | " 89—Woodstock.....                               | 9 00      |
| " 39—Botsford.....                            | 24 40     | " 90—Golden.....                                  | 20 80     |
| " 40—Guelph.....                              | 26 40     | " 91—Antiquity.....                               | 53 30     |
| " 41—Harris.....                              | 50 25     | " 92—Spry.....                                    | 7 40      |
| " 44—Mt. Sinai.....                           | 11 60     | " 93—Metropolitan....                             | 171 11    |
| " 47—Wellington.....                          | 10 60     | U. D. Midland.....                                | 44 00     |
| " 48—St. John's.....                          | 19 90     | Two Constitutions.....                            | 40        |
| " 49—Elora.....                               | 5 20      | Seven Ceremonies.....                             | 14 00     |
| " 52—Prince Rupert. .                         | 130 70    | Interest on Toronto Gen-<br>eral Trusts Bond....  | 225 00    |
| " 53—Bruce.....                               | 17 40     | Interest on Western Can-<br>ada Loan Debenture..  | 225 00    |
| " 54—Palestine.....                           | 40 30     | Interest on Toronto Land<br>Security Co. Stock .. | 153 49    |
| " 55—Niagara.....                             | 11 00     | Interest on Bank Deposits                         | 27 99     |
| " 56—Georgian.....                            | 17 00     |   |           |
|   | \$1026 05 |   | \$2417 89 |



## ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1887

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 60 shares Land Security Co., per value.....               | \$ 1500 00         |
| 240 allotted shares, Land Security Co., paid thereon..... | 210 00             |
| Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., 5% Debenture.....    | 4,500 00           |
| Toronto General Trusts Co., 5% Bond.....                  | 3,000 00           |
| Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....                    | 1,774 06           |
|   | <u>\$10,984 06</u> |

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

Hamilton, 30th June, 1887.

We hereby certify that the balance at credit of E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, in the books of this Branch at close of business on this date is \$1,774 06.

E. MITCHELL, Manager.

S. READ, Jr., Accountant.

## CASH STATEMENT.

|                         |                  |                      |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1887.                   |                  | 1886.                |                  |
| June 30—To Receipts.... | \$2417 89        | July 3—By G. Treas.. | \$ 75 00         |
|                         |                  | July 31—“ “ ..       | 205 60           |
|                         |                  | Aug. 31—“ “ ..       | 55 50            |
|                         |                  | Oct. 30—“ “ ..       | 10 40            |
|                         |                  | Nov. 30—“ “ ..       | 71 65            |
|                         |                  | Dec. 31—“ “ ..       | 31 91            |
|                         |                  | 1887.                |                  |
|                         |                  | Jan. 3—“ “ ..        | 151 12           |
|                         |                  | Jan. 31—“ “ ..       | 137 11           |
|                         |                  | Feb. 28—“ “ ..       | 139 00           |
|                         |                  | Mar. 31—“ “ ..       | 73 60            |
|                         |                  | April 30—“ “ ..      | 49 05            |
|                         |                  | May 31—“ “ ..        | 159 30           |
|                         |                  | June 30—“ “ ..       | 1258 65          |
|                         | <u>\$2417 89</u> |                      | <u>\$2417 89</u> |

## RECAPITULATION.

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|--|------------------|
| Certificates.....                                    | \$ 427 00        |
| Dues.....  | 747 41           |
| Registration Fees.....                               | 262 00           |
| Dispensations.....                                   | 57 00            |
| Warrants.....  | 50 00            |
| Constitutions.....                                   | 8 00             |
| Ceremonies.....                                      | 235 00           |
| Interest on Western Canada Loan Co.'s Debenture..... | 225 00           |
| Interest on Toronto General Trust Bond.....          | 225 00           |
| Interest on Toronto Land Security Co. stock.....     | 153 49           |
| Interest on Bank Deposits.....                       | 27 99            |
|  | <u>\$2417 89</u> |

Moved by R. E. Comp. Robt. Hendry, jr., seconded by R. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, and

**Resolved,** That the annual statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and to report thereon at the present Convocation.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee, which, on motion of R. E. Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

Letters and telegrams were then read from R. E. Comps. John Kerr Brydon, John M. Clement, A. G. Smyth, J. D. Christie, Henry Bickford and Seymour Porter, regretting their inability to be present at this Convocation.

Official letters were then presented from the following Grand Chapters, viz.:

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF WISCONSIN,

Informing this Grand Chapter of the death of Past Grand High Priest, Thomas B. Tyler, who died at his home in Sparta, 18th July, 1886. Aged 62.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS.

Ex. Comp. Thomas Jefferson Wade passed away on the 7th September, 1886, at the ripe age of 85 years. The record of a well spent life—44 years a Mason, during which time he has filled nearly every office in Masonry.

Theodore T. Gurney is no more, having passed away quietly at his home in Chicago, on the 9th November, 1886. Aged 66. A Mason for more than 38 years, during which period he has devoted much of his time to the Order, filling many high and important offices with signal ability, a Masonic jurist of acknowledged pre-eminence. In private and public life a man of scrupulous purity and integrity; he was honored and beloved by his associates. He has entered into the presence of the Great I Am to receive the rewards of a well spent life.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF MARYLAND.

Past Grand High Priest, George W. Sheive, is mourned for by this Grand Chapter, for he is not, having passed away at his home in Baltimore, 27 Dec., 1886. Aged 39.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

On the 21st February, 1887, M. E. Comp. Peleg Brown was summoned from his labors here below to enter upon the rest which awaits the true and faithful. Aged 81. For nearly half a century he was a prominent member of the Masonic Grand Bodies of this State.

A memorial was then presented from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, setting forth that at a convention of duly warranted Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, held at the Masonic Temple in the City of St. John, on Tuesday the 22nd day of March last, that Grand Chapter was, by the unanimous action of seven Regular Chapters, duly erected, according to ancient usage, to be the governing body for Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of New Brunswick. There was also a copy of the Proceedings of their first Convocation presented, and asking our recognition and that fraternal communication may be established between the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick.

This memorial was referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon at this Convocation.

The Grand Scribe E then presented handsomely bound copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Illinois for the year 1886, and of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, from 1883 to 1886 inclusive, being Vol. V.

A communication from Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, was read, asking that the Grand Chapter at this Annual Convocation dispose of the case now pending against R. E. Comp. John Moore, and urging for his expulsion. This was referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon at this Convocation.

R. Ex. Comp. John Ross Robertson presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska ; V. E. Comp. John S. Dewar, as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, and Ex. Comp. R.



L. Patterson, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, all of which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive, and the companions were severally greeted with the usual Masonic salutations, which were suitably acknowledged by the several companions.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation by R. E. Comp. DeWitt H. Martyn, (in his absence) it was moved by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, seconded by E. Comp. Geo. Clarke, and

**Resolved**, That Section XCIV. of the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting after the words Scribe E., at the end of the fourth line, the words, "unless by dispensation from the Grand Z."

(In the absence of R. E. Comp. John Kerr Brydon) it was moved by M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by Ex. Comp. A. W. Thompson, and

**Resolved**, That Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, be detached from Huron District and added to the Manitoba District.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows:

### WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee on Warrants beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the books of Midland Chapter, Lindsay, now working under dispensation, and would recommend that a warrant be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DONALD ROSS,

*Chairman Sub. Committee.*

Brockville, 14th Jany., 1887.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Robt. Hendry, jr., seconded by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, and

**Resolved**, That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

## BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of Canada, on Benevolence, beg leave to report :

1. That of the five private Chapters, viz.: Nos. 1, 29, 30, 34, 44, through whose First Principal grants of Benevolence were made payable, as granted in July, 1886, three have made proper returns of the same, viz.: Nos. 30, 34, 44 ; but only one has raised money by local contribution, viz.: No. 30, \$6 ; while 1 and 29 have made no returns ; in consequence whereof, orders for future grants will be withheld until such returns are made.

2. That the applications for relief recommended are as follows :

| No. | Name of Grantee.                 | Amt   | Through Whom Payable.                       |
|-----|----------------------------------|-------|---|
| 1   | Widow of Thos. D. Harington. . . | \$ 40 | First Principal, King Solomon's 8, Toronto. |
| 2   | " Samuel Waltho.....             | 20    | " " McCallum 29, Dunnville.                 |
| 3   | Comp. Archibald Couper.....      | 50    | " " " "                                     |
| 4   | Widow Rachel McLeod.....         | 20    | " " Huron 30, Goderich.                     |
| 5   | " Sarah McPhail. . . . .         | 40    | " " " "                                     |
| 6   | " Mary Ann Bartlett . . . .      | 20    | " " Mount Sinai 44, Napanee.                |
| 7   | " Agnes A. Cheetham.....         | 20    | " " " " " "                                 |
| 8   | " of Robert Ramsay.....          | 20    | " " Signet 34, Barrie.                      |
|     |                                  | \$230 |   |

3. That in addition to the above grants a special grant of sixty dollars be made to Widow Harington, payable as above.

4. That in consideration of the great services rendered by our late R. E. Comp. Aldis Bernard deceased, to the cause of Masonry, and in consideration of the extreme need of his widow, Sarah Bernard, a grant of forty dollars be made to her, payable through R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, of Montreal.

Making a total of \$330.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Robt. Hendry, jr., seconded by R. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, and

**Resolved,** That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

## AUDIT AND FINANCE REPORT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that

they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer up to June 30th, 1887, and find them correct.

The receipts and disbursements for the past year have been as follows :

## RECEIPTS.

|   |           |                 |
|---|-----------|-----------------|
| Cash on hand,.....                      | \$1205 70 |                 |
| Certificates,.....                      | 427 00    |                 |
| Dues,.....                              | 747 41    |                 |
| Registration fees,.....                 | 262 00    |                 |
| Dispensation,.....                      | 57 00     |                 |
| Warrant,.....                           | 50 00     |                 |
| Constitutions,.....                     | 8 00      |                 |
| Ceremonies, .....                       | 235 00    |                 |
| Western Canada Loan Co. Debenture,..... | 225 00    |                 |
| Toronto Land Security Co.,.....         | 153 49    |                 |
| Toronto General Trust Co.,.....         | 225 00    |                 |
| Bank interest,.....                     | 27 99     |                 |
|   |           | <hr/> \$3623 59 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|  |         |                 |
|--|---------|-----------------|
| Thos. Vesey, Grand Janitor,.....                   | \$ 5 00 |                 |
| Grand Scribe E. incidentals,.....                  | 65 00   |                 |
| A. McPherson, sundry printing.....                 | 220 53  |                 |
| Royal Insurance Co.,.....                          | 5 00    |                 |
| Mrs. Harris, benevolent grant, 4 quarters,.....    | 200 00  |                 |
| Benevolence,.....                                  | 230 00  |                 |
| Expense Re Testimonial to Past Grand Z.,.....      | 17 00   |                 |
| Chairman of Foreign Correspondence,.....           | 50 00   |                 |
| Wm. Bruce, engrossing warrants,.....               | 9 00    |                 |
| Grand Scribe E. salary,.....                       | 700 00  |                 |
| Ceremonies,.....                                   | 153 00  |                 |
| Rolph Smith & Co., Certificates,.....              | 75 00   |                 |
|  |         | <hr/> \$1729 53 |
| Investment account, Toronto Land Security Co. .... |         | 120 00          |
| Cash in bank,.....                                 |         | 1774 06         |
|  |         | <hr/> \$3623 59 |

## ASSETS.

| Per Value.                              |                    |       |            |
|---|--------------------|-------|------------|
| Western Canada Loan and Savings         |                    |       |            |
| Co. Deb.....                            | \$ 4500 00         |       | \$ 4500 00 |
| Toronto General Trust Co's bond,....    | 3000 00            |       | 3000 00    |
| Toronto Land Security Co., 60 paid up   |                    |       |            |
| shares,.....                            | 1500 00 @ \$225 00 |       | 3375 00    |
| 240 allotted shares in the Toronto Land |                    |       |            |
| Security Co.'s stock.....               | 210 00 @ 225 00    |       | 472 50     |
| Cash in bank.....                       | 1774 06            |       | 1774 06    |
|   |                    | <hr/> | <hr/>      |
|   | \$10984 06         |       | \$13121 56 |

## LIABILITIES.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Royal Insurance Co., .....                       | \$ 5 00  |
| A. McPherson, printing, .....                    | 16 75    |
| Foreign Correspondence, .....                    | 50 00    |
| Grand Z., incidentals, 2 years, .....            | 50 00    |
| Rolph Smith & Co., Certificates, .....           | 75 00    |
| Grand Scribe E., balance incidentals 1886-7..... | 25 15    |
| “ “ “ for “ 1887-8.....                          | 65 00    |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$286 88 |

Your Committee have considered an application from Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby, for a remission of part of the amount due to Grand Chapter. It appears that for some years past this Chapter has been in a dormant condition, and, having recently resumed work, have made returns for the years 1881 to 1887 inclusive, the account amounting to \$32.40. We beg to recommend that \$20 be accepted from this Chapter in full of account, being a remission of \$12.40.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the Grand Superintendents of the Huron and Prince Edward Districts have reported as to the condition of St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary's, and St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton ; in each case the Grand Superintendents report that the Chapters are hopelessly defunct. Your Committee therefore recommend that these Chapters be summoned to show cause why their Charters should not be withdrawn.

JAMES B. NIXON,  
*Chairman.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., seconded by R. E. Comp. James B Nixon, and

**Resolved,** That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

## GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report that in April, 1885, R. E. Comp. John Moore was tried by Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, for unmasonic conduct, found guilty, suspended, and recommended to Grand Chapter for expulsion. The trial appears to have been regularly conducted, and no appeal was made by Comp. Moore from the action of the Chapter.

At the Annual Convocation in 1885, it was directed that Comp. Moore should be summoned to attend the Annual Convocation in 1886, and show cause why he should not be expelled. Comp. Moore was summoned and did not appear, though he sent a communication, in which he objected to the shortness of the time given him, and also alleged other reasons against his expulsion.

The Committee were of the opinion that the time given was sufficient, and the other arguments against expulsion were insufficient, but on the representation of certain companions, that if the matter were postponed, there was a probability that restitution would be made. The Committee recommended that the case be postponed until the present Convocation. Comp. Moore has again been summoned and has appeared, and has produced before the Committee a discharge in full from one of the injured parties, dated 20th June, 1887, whilst as to the others named in the charges, it is believed that restitution was made prior to the trial.

The Committee are of the opinion that, under the circumstances, the extreme penalty of expulsion should not be enforced.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY MACPHERSON,  
*Chairman Grievances and Appeals.*

July 15th, 1887.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Robt. Hendry, jr., seconded by M. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, and

**Resolved,** That the report of the Executive Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

#### GRAND Z's. ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z., are pleased to learn of the continued progress made by the Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, although no new Chapters have been organized, more energy has been infused into the Order, largely through the zeal and activity of the Grand Superintendents.

The Executive Committee are in accord with the sentiments expressed by the M. Ex. the Grand Z., and join with him in recommending that we avail ourselves of the opportunity of transmitting the congratulations of the Royal Craft to her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, on the occasion of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of her reign.

It is gratifying to learn that the changes recently made in the Constitution as to the qualifications of a First Principal, have had a beneficial effect, and has greatly reduced the number of dispensations usually applied for, to permit of the installation of companions as Principals not otherwise qualified.

The Committee recommend the Grand Chapter to confirm the nominations of the companions appointed by the several Grand Chapters as representatives near this Grand Chapter, and congratulate our companions who have received these honours.

The official visits of the M. Ex. Grand Z. to subordinate Chapters, greatly encourages the members in the performance of their duties, and must materially aid in stimulating the exertions of our companions.

The reception accorded to the M. Ex. the Grand Z. upon the occasion of his visit to the General Grand Chapter of U. S. at Washington, D. C., is particularly gratifying to this Grand Chapter.

The Committee are glad to notice that the "Ceremonies" have been completed and issued to the Chapters, with a most beneficial effect upon their working, and recommend Grand Chapter to approve of the action of the Grand Z. in authorizing Past Grand officers and Past Z.'s to be supplied with copies upon application to the G. S. E.

The Grand Chapter is again called upon to mourn the loss of several of our companions, some of whom have been prominent members of this Grand body, and recommend that memorial pages be published in our proceedings in commemoration of

R. Ex. Comp., J. G. Burns, Past Grand Supt.

R. Ex. Comp., Geo J. Duncan, Past Grand Scribe N.

V. Ex. Comp. E. A. H. Faquier, Past Grand Sword Bearer.

Referring to the organization of a Grand Chapter for the



province of New Brunswick, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

That whereas at a convention of duly accredited representatives of a majority of the Royal Arch Chapter's meeting in the province of New Brunswick, to which all Chapters in the said province were invited, resolutions declaring the advisability of at once forming a Grand Chapter for that province were unanimously adopted and acted upon, the election and installation of Grand officers proceeded with, and the formal proclamation of the Grand Chapter for the province of New Brunswick was duly made ; and whereas the said Grand Chapter has officially communicated the above facts to this Grand Chapter, at the same time preferring a request for recognition :

And whereas, the proceedings at said Convention appear to have been quite regular and in accordance with ancient usage and established customs in connection with the formation of Grand bodies, be it therefore

**Resolved**, that the Grand Chapter of Canada hereby cordially and fraternally extends recognition to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and welcomes her as a sister among the Grand Chapters of the world.

The Committee are satisfied that they express the sentiments of the Grand Chapter, when they convey to the M. Ex. Grand Z. their warmest thanks for his untiring zeal and earnest labours in the discharge of the important duties of his high office, and they endorse the remarks of the M. Ex. Grand Z., and bear testimony to the zeal and efficiency of R. Ex. Comp. David McLellan, G. S. E., and R. Ex. Comp. E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer.

FRED. J. MENET,  
*Chairman.*

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Daniel Spry, P. G. Z., seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Menet, P. G. Z., and

**Resolved**, That the Report of the Executive Committee on the M. Ex. Grand Z's. address be received and adopted.

#### CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry beg fraternally to present their annual report, after having made

a careful examination of the annual reports of the Grand Superintendents of St. Clair, London, Wellington, Hamilton, Huron, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, Central and Manitoba Districts, with special reports on the state of certain Chapters in Prince Edward and Huron Districts.

Some of these reports indicate progress, others indifference, and a few apathy in dealing with the work of Capitular Masonry. The Grand Superintendents have in a few cases endeavored to follow out the suggestions given in the last Annual Report of your Committee, while in others these officers have paid little or no regard to the suggestions offered, which if followed would ensure accurate and detailed reports on the condition of every Chapter to the Grand Chapter. The report from London is the best report presented, giving the fullest information, with individual reports on Chapters. The reports from Hamilton, Manitoba, Prince Edward, Central Niagara and Ontario are of an encouraging character, all the Chapters having been visited by their Grand Superintendents. The reports from Huron and St. Clair Districts would have been more welcome if all the Chapters had been visited. In the case of the former especially, as last year on account of its extent, London District was divided, and the new District of St. Clair added, an act that should have secured for the new District official visitations.

Your Committee coincide with the special reports from Huron and Prince Edward Districts.

In Hamilton District all the Chapters have been visited, the state of the work favorable, although in the case of St. John's, No. 6., Hamilton, the Grand Superintendent found it difficult to get information as to the business of the Chapter, owing to the resignation of the S. E., and in the case of St. Clair, No. 75, Milton, no attention was paid by the S. E. to two official letters. If this Chapter is in the good condition reported to the Grand Supt., the Z. or S. E. should have furnished the information required. The position of the Grand Superintendent should have secured for him the courtesy of a reply. The amount outstanding in dues in this District does not indicate prompt collection. Two Chapters, the Hiram, No. 2, and St. John's, No. 6, show arrearages of over \$1500, an amount far in excess of what it should be, especially in a city noted for the excellent conduct of Masonic work, not only in exemplification, but in business management. The report from the Grand

Superintendent of this District is one giving ample information, in accordance with suggestions made last year.

In Prince Edward District the Royal Craft has three Chapters in a healthy condition, all of which were visited. The reports show that the meetings are held with regularity, the work properly exemplified, attendance being over the average in two Chapters, but small in the third.

The Grand Superintendent of Manitoba reports favorably on the condition of the two Chapters in this District. Both were visited, and the outlook for the work is evidently better than in the past. The report of the Grand Superintendent gives a fair knowledge of the condition of matters. Yet the report would stand amplification. The recommendation for an extension of powers of the Grand Superintendent, from the fact that this District is at a great distance from the office of the Grand Scribe E., is not tenable. As a general rule mails are regular, and where the post fails, in cases of emergency, the wire can be used.

The report from St. Clair District is remarkable for its brevity and consequent lack of information. Only one Chapter is reported as visited, three are said to be in good working order, and two others might as well be outside of the jurisdiction, even on the outskirts of civilization, as regards the Grand Superintendent, for Erie, No. 73, Ridgetown, and McNabb, No. 88, Dresden, were not visited, in fact, never heard from. While brevity may be a good recommendation in a speech, it does not produce a marked effect in a District Superintendent's report. He evidently has not the ambition to spin one thought into a volume, for his ten lines' report is as meagre and as dry as is the Desert of Sahara.

The report from Huron District does not give a great deal of information. The Grand Superintendent states that he has not been able to visit all his Chapters. Of the eight reported on in his general and special reports, he states that six are in a healthy condition, one is a weakling and one dormant. How can he judge of the quality of the work without a visitation? Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, has only had one Convocation during the year, and that when called to meet the Grand Superintendent. As to the number present, the work done, the reason for its "temporary depression," the report is a blank.

The report from Wellington District is tinged with a great deal of regret. The Chapters at Guelph and Galt are prospering, but those at Harriston, Orangeville, Berlin and Elora, are apparently "in the sere and yellow." It would be well if Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston, were made the subject of special report. It injures the work of Capitular Masonry when our rolls are cumbered with drift wood, that is even not good enough to burn. Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Berlin, is wise in its resolve to surrender its Charter, and in Elora Chapter, No. 49, the companions should inaugurate the "brighter era in Masonry," spoken of by the Grand Superintendent, and thus strengthen the work in that section.

The report from London District is a model document ; one of the best ever presented to Grand Chapter. The Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Clutton, has observed the suggestions made in the annual review of your Committee last year. His writing teems with information, and is excellent in every particular. Of the eight Chapters in his District he has visited four, two he was unable to visit on account of press of business ; one has not held any meetings, is in a weak state, and one is dormant. The work is making headway in six of the Chapters, and the outlook is bright. With regard to Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy, your Committee agree with the Grand Superintendent that another effort be made to reorganize the Chapter, that the Warrant be not withdrawn until the result of the exertions to be made are known and reported on during the year to the Grand Z. The work is also suffering in Park Hill. Your Committee would recommend that Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Park Hill, be made the subject of special report by the incoming Superintendent. The London District is to be congratulated on the advancement of the work in the majority of its Chapters.

The report from the Niagara District is fresh, interesting and well written, with excellent tabulated statements. All the Chapters in this District have been visited, and are reported in good condition. The Grand Superintendent has shown energy and attention, and his efforts are to be commended.

Your Committee miss with feelings of mingled regret and pleasure the absence of the usual report from the District of New Brunswick. The companions in our sister province have deemed it advisable, as was their undoubted right, to swarm from the rolls of this Grand Chapter, and institute the Grand

Chapter of New Brunswick. While we regret this depletion of our numbers, we say good-bye in that spirit of fraternity, which should characterize all who love our Royal Craft, with an earnest wish that peace, prosperity and good will may always prevail with our companions in the far east, giving them our hearty God speed, our sincere friendship, and well wishes for their future.

The report from the Grand Superintendent of Toronto District is an excellent one, as far as it goes. He has paid attention to the Chapters in the City of Toronto by quite a number of official visits, and speaks of the exemplification of the work in the Chapters as very satisfactory, and that the business of the Chapters is conducted correctly. It is to be regretted that the Chapters outside of Toronto in this District were not visited. So much good could be affected by official visitations that every possible effort should have been made by the Grand Superintendent to inspect the work of the Chapters, so that a correct idea of the progress of the Royal Craft in his District might be formed.

The report from the Central District is one showing steady progress in the majority of the Chapters, with reference to Pembroke Chapter, your Committee trust that the advice of the Grand Superintendent will be followed.

#### CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

The fact that Chapters of Instruction have not been held, is to be regretted, and although the facilities for exemplification are better this year than in the past, your Committee would fraternally urge that at least one Chapter of Instruction be held at a central point, viz : Windsor, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston and Ottawa.

#### REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

Your Committee, with the view of enabling Grand Superintendents of the various Districts to have accurate and reliable information before them in reporting on Chapters, prepared a form, which if adopted would, your Committee feel assured, be of immense value to not only Grand Chapter, but to the members of the Royal Craft in general. The form will, we trust, commend itself to Grand Superintendents, who are energetic, and desire to see the work progress. The form should be sent out at least four weeks prior to the official visit, and is as follows :



.....District.

Return for the information of the Grand Superintendent.

To THE SCRIBE E.,

Please fill up answers to all questions, except those marked ‡, and keep this return for the Grand Superintendent.

.....District Scribe E.

.....Chapter, No....., meets at.....  
 on.....  
 Z.'s name and P. O. address.....  
 S. E.'s name and P. O. address.....  
 When visited by Grand Superintendent.....  
 No. of members on roll.....Average attendance, without visitors.....  
 Work done at visit.....M. M.....P. M.....M. E. M.....  
 R. A.....by whom.....  
 Quality of work of Z. ‡.....Of H. ‡.....  
 Of J. ‡.....Of P. S. ‡.....  
 What degrees Z. has worked in year June—June.....  
 What degrees H. has worked in year June—June.....  
 What degrees J. has worked in year June—June.....  
 What degrees P. Z.'s have worked in year.....  
 Meetings held.....regular.....emergent.....total.....  
 Condition of S. E.'s books, ‡.....  
 Condition of Treasurer's books, ‡.....  
 Is cash received by S. E. promptly paid over to Treasurer? ‡.....  
 Are funds deposited in bank?.....In whose name?.....  
 If in name of Z. and Treasurer state so.....Dues per year.....  
 No. of companions in arrears over one year.....over two.....over three  
 .....over four.....over five.....longest period any companion is in  
 arrears.....Assets, \$......Liabilities, \$......Value of  
 furniture, \$......Is it insured, and amount? \$......Is inventory  
 kept outside of Chapter room?.....Is Hall suitable.....  
 Was Chapter represented at last Convocation of Grand Chapter?.....  
 Directly or by proxy?.....Opinion as to the future prosperity of  
 Chapter.....  
 .....

The adoption of this form would enable a Grand Superintendent to give your Committee an individual report on each Chapter, which would be not only concise, but of great value in reviewing the work of the year.

As a model for a report on each Chapter, the following is suggested :



.....Chapter, No. ...., meets at.....  
 This Chapter has a membership of....., the average attendance  
 exclusive of visitors is..... I visited on.....188....  
 On the occasion of my visit the.....degree was exemplified by  
 ..... The quality of the work of the Z. is.....  
 .....of the H.....  
 of the J.....of the P. S.....  
 During the year the Z. has exemplified the.....degrees,  
 the H.....the J.....and P. Z.'s have exemplified....  
 ..... Regular Convocations have been  
 held.....have been missed, for the reason that.....  
 .....  
 The condition of the S. E.'s books is.....  
 of the Treasurer is.....  
 The cash.....paid over promptly to the Treasurer, and.....  
 deposited in the bank to the credit of..... The dues outstanding  
 over a year are, \$..... There are.....companions in arrears  
 over one year.....over two.....over three.....over four.....  
 over five..... The furniture is valued at \$.....is insured for \$  
 ..... An inventory is.....kept. The assets are \$.....  
 and the liabilities are \$..... The Hall is suitable..... The  
 Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by.....  
 The prospects of the Chapter are.....  
 .....

Your Committee, in view of the paucity of information which characterizes the the reports of some of the Grand Superintendents, would earnestly impress on those officers the absolute necessity of making at least one official visit to each Chapter in the year. With the forms given in this report there should be no difficulty whatever in giving Grand Chapter that which will enable your Committee to make an accurate review of the work. It is simply asking your Committe to draw on the field of imagination to read reports that are more remarkable for what they do not contain, than for what they do, and having a deep interest in and love for the work, your Committee commend to the Companions of the Districts, that care should be taken in the selections of Grand Superintendents, and those honored should be those who have their minds in the work, who are prepared to give up twelve nights in the year, to the work of a branch of Masonry, whose keystone alone can give stability and strength to a structure, in whose erection the brightest and best intellects of this and other lands have been engaged.

## AT REST.

Death, whose silent summons we must all obey, has dealt generously with our Chapter Rclls during the year. While we are grateful to once again meet in fraternal counsel those whose friendship we value, revere and cherish, we miss some whose words and greetings are now but a memory, for obedient to the call they have gone to their rest, "beneath that low green tent whose curtain never outward swings." One was a companion whose voice was indeed familiar, who labored for years with us, an earnest Craftsman and a true friend, the day dream of whose life, outside his daily toil, was for and with the Craft. In the death of Ex. Comp. Joshua G. Burns, a Past Grand Superintendent of this Grand Chapter, who was called away on the 28th May, 1887, we lost a companion well known to the Craft, not only in this but in other jurisdictions. He was the intimate friend of many now sitting in this Grand Chapter, a man whose abiding faith and love in and for our Order earned for him in life the good will and respect of all. Now that he has gone "to that dreamless night of long repose." let us in our speech say of him kindly words, and for the little ones he has left behind, let us do what we are taught in the Legend of the Temple Builder, shield them in their tender years, and help them as they climb into womanhood to reflect honor upon him, who in the prime of life has been taken to the shore unknown. Others too have passed away who aided us in our work, Ex. Comp. William Norris, P. Z. of York Chapter, Eglinton; Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Duncan, P. Z. Mount Nebo Chapter, Niagara Falls South; E. A. H. Faquier, P. G. S. B. Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.

Let the memory of their many virtues inspire us to go higher in our thoughts, as we move through earth's vast throng, awaiting the day when we shall touch again the vanished hand, and hear the voice now still in death.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,  
*Chairman.*

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., seconded by R. Ex. Comp., John Ross Robertson, and

**Resolved,** That the report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Grand Scribes acting as scrutineers of the ballot.

The following named companions were declared duly elected :

|             |                     |                   |          |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|
| R. E. Comp. | Robert Hendry, Jr., | Kingston,         | Grand Z. |
| R. E.       | "                   | R. B. Hungerford, | " H.     |
| R. E.       | "                   | J. J. Mason,      | " J.     |

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, 12.15.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 12.30.

#### PRESENT :

|             |                |                     |                         |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| M. E. Comp. | Thos. Sargent, | Grand Z.            | } <i>On the Throne.</i> |
| R. E.       | "              | Robert Hendry, Jr , |                         |
| R. E.       | "              | R. B. Hungerford,   |                         |

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The following Companions were nominated by the Representatives from the respective districts and approved by the M. E. Grand Z. as

#### GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

|       |       |                         |             |            |          |
|-------|-------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| R. E. | Comp. | Thos. C. Macnabb,       | Chatham,    | St. Clair  | District |
| E.    | "     | E. Burke,               | London,     | London     | "        |
| R. E. | "     | C. L. Beard, (re-el'd)  | Woods'k,    | Wilson     | "        |
| E.    | "     | H. Lockwood,            | Guelph,     | Wellington | "        |
| E.    | "     | Hugh Murray,            | Hamilton,   | Hamilton   | "        |
| V. E. | "     | Joseph Beck,            | Saltford,   | Huron      | "        |
| V. E. | "     | J. M. Dunn,             | Welland,    | Niagara    | "        |
| V. E. | "     | J. H. Widdifield,       | Newmarket,  | Toronto    | "        |
| E.    | "     | D. McNaughton,          | Cobourg,    | Ontario    | "        |
| R. E. | "     | J. J. Farley, (re-el'd) | Belleville, | Pr. Edward | "        |
| E.    | "     | Geo. Gale,              | Brockville, | Central    | "        |
| E.    | "     | John Leslie,            | Winnipeg,   | Manitoba   | "        |
| E.    | "     | York Bramwell,          | Melborne,   | Australian | "        |

The election of officers was then continued with the following result :

|             |                 |                                     |             |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| R. E. Comp. | David McLellan, | Hamilton, (re-ele'd)                | Grand S. E. |
| V. E.       | "               | John S. Dewar, London,              | " S. N.     |
| V. E.       | "               | John Nettleton, Collingwood,        | " P. S.     |
| R. E.       | "               | E. Mitchell, Hamilton, (re-elected) | " Treas.    |
| V. E.       | "               | Thomas McCarroll, Meaford,          | " Reg.      |

And by an open vote of Grand Chapter, Comp. J. H. Pritchard, of Toronto, Grand Janitor.

The following named companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

|             |                      |              |             |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| R. E. Comp. | Henry Robertson,     | Collingwood, | Re-elected. |
| " "         | John Creasor,        | Owen Sound,  | "           |
| " "         | James B. Nixon,      | Toronto,     | "           |
| " "         | John Ross Robertson, | "            | "           |
| " "         | Alex. Patterson,     | "            | "           |

The following named companions compose the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee for the following terms :

|             |              |                 |       |                 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| R. E. Comp. | Otto Klotz,  | retires in      | - - - | 1888            |
| " "         | J. J. Mason, | <i>Delaware</i> | - - - | <del>1889</del> |
| M. E. "     | Daniel Spry; | "               | - - - | 1890            |

M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, P. G. Z., assisted by M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargant, G. Z., and M. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, P. G. Z., then proceed with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers who were proclaimed with the usual Masonic Ceremony.

M. E. Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., Grand Z. was then pleased to appoint the following Companions as members of of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz :

|             |                              |                      |                  |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| R. E. Comp. | A. G. Smyth,                 | London,              | re-appointed.    |
| R. E. "     | Wm. Forbes,                  | Grimsby,             | "                |
| R. E. "     | Wm. G. Reid,                 | Hamilton,            | "                |
| V. E. "     | <del>S. G. Fairtlough,</del> | <del>Kingston,</del> | <i>Sept 1889</i> |
| R. E. "     | I. P. Willson,               | Welland,             |                  |

At a subsequent date, the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year. viz :

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS.

|           |                   |             |                 |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Ex. Comp. | Michael Houston,  | Chatham,    | Grand 1st A. S. |
| " "       | W. E. Idsardi,    | St. Thomas, | " 2nd "         |
| " "       | James Sutherland, | Woodstock,  | " S. B.         |
| " "       | Hugh Walker,      | Guelph,     | " M. of V.      |
| " "       | J. E. Harrison,   | Milton,     | " Stand B.      |
| " "       | M. Eacrett,       | Aylmer,     | " D. of C.      |

|   |   |                  |                |   |           |
|---|---|------------------|----------------|---|-----------|
| " | " | A. G. Horwood,   | Toronto,       | " | Organist. |
| " | " | J. B. Hay,       | Toronto,       | " | Pursuv't. |
| " | " | R. J. Winch,     | Cobourg,       | " | Steward.  |
| " | " | G. H. Pope,      | Belleville,    | " | "         |
| " | " | Thos. Wilkinson, | Brockville     | " | "         |
| " | " | Edwin Smith,     | Port Colborne, | " | "         |

The M. Ex. Grand Z. directed that each companion elected or appointed to office not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed in the Chapter of which he is a member.

#### MOTIONS.

Moved by V. E. Comp. John Nettleton, seconded by E. Comp. John Sinclair, and

**Resolved,** That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and hereby tendered to the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, for a bound copy of their proceedings for 1886; also to the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa, for a bound copy of their Proceedings for the years 1883 to 1886 inclusive.

Moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. E. Comp. Hy. Macpherson, and

**Resolved,** That this Grand Chapter as a testimony of esteem and recognition of the efficient services rendered for the past ten years by R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell, P. G. S., Grand Treasurer, have much pleasure in requesting his acceptance of the Apron, Sash, Collar and Jewel of a Past Grand Superintendent.

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. Daniel Sperry, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and

**Resolved,** That Australia be set apart as a District on the Register of this Grand Chapter, and that the Royal Arch Masons residing there, who are members of a Chapter holding Warrants from the Grand Chapter of Canada, be and are hereby authorized to nominate a Grand Superintendent for the District of Australia.

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. Ross, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. J. Menet, and

**Resolved,** That a Committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. Ex. Comp. Thos. Sargent,

P. G. Z., to mark in an appropriate manner our esteem for him and our appreciation of his valuable services as Grand Z. during the past two years.

Moved by R. E. Comp. J. Ross. Robertson, seconded by M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, and

**Resolved**, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are, with pleasure, tendered to the companions of Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, for the fraternal and hospitable reception extended to the representatives at the thirtieth Annual Convocation.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following notice of motion for next Annual Convocation was given, viz.:

By R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, Goderich—

I give notice that at the next Annual Convocation I will move that Article 9 of the Constitution be amended so as to provide that the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter be held on the second Wednesday in January, at such place as may be decided upon by Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to appoint the following committees :

To procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, P. G. Z., in accordance with the resolution passed this day :

|             |              |                 |                    |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| M. E. Comp. | Daniel Spry, | P. G. Z.,       | Barrie.            |
| "           | "            | Fred. J. Menet, | P. G. Z., Toronto. |
| "           | "            | Donald Ross,    | P. G. Z., Picton.  |

To procure and present to R. Ex. Comp. Edward Mitchell a Past Grand District Superintendent's Apron, Sash, Collar and Jewel, in terms of the resolution passed this day :

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| R. E. Comp. | David McLellan.   |
| "           | " Hugh Murray.    |
| M. E.       | " Thomas Sargent. |

The following cablegram was, in accordance with the recommendation of the M. E. Grand Z. in his address, and approved by the M. E. the Grand Chapter in the adoption of the report on the same, sent to Her Majesty the Queen :



BROCKVILLE, 15th July. 1887.

TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN—

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in Annual Convocation assembled, send their respectful and loyal congratulations to your Majesty, on the successful celebration of your jubilee year. Long may you reign over a loyal, happy, contented and prosperous people.

ROBERT HENDRY, JR., Kingston, *Grand Z.*  
DAVID McLELLAN, Hamilton, *Grand S. E.*

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended it was closed in **Ample Form** at 1:30 p. m.



*David McLeellan.*

GRAND SCRIBE E.

BROCKVILLE, 15th July, A. I. 2417, A. D. 1887.

## RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS ACCORDING TO LAST RETURNS.

| ON | NAME.                  | WHERE HELD.            | NIGHT OF MEETING.                                    | FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.       | SCRIBE E.          |
|----|------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | An. Fron. & Catarauqui | Kingston. .... C       | Third Wednesday of every month                       | S. Angrove .....         | W. S. Smyth.       |
| 2  | The Hiram              | Hamilton. .... H       | 1st Monday every m <sup>th</sup> exc't July & Aug    | H. Sweetman .....        | O. S. Hillman.     |
| 3  | St. John's.            | London. .... L         | Third Wednesday of every month.                      | Alex. McQueen .....      | Jno. Siddons.      |
| 4  | St. And'w & St. John   | Toronto. .... T        | Third Friday of every month.                         | Wm. Simpson. ....        | Wm. Medland.       |
| 5  | St. George's.          | London. .... L         | Third Tuesday of every month.                        | A. B. Munson. ....       | Chas. C. Reed.     |
| 6  | St. John's.            | Hamilton. .... H       | 2nd Thurs. every m <sup>th</sup> except July & Aug   | E. Mitchell .....        | W. F. McGivern.    |
| 7  | Moir                   | Belleville. .... P. E  | First Tuesday of every month.                        | J. J. Farley .....       | P. C. Jones.       |
| 8  | King Solomon's         | Toronto. .... T        | First Wednesday of every month.                      | J. H. Knifton. ....      | R. Oliver.         |
| 15 | Wawanosh.              | Sarnia. .... L         | 2nd Friday in Jan., April, July & Oct.               | Jas. Woods .....         | C. B. Johnston.    |
| 16 | Carleton.              | Ottawa .....           | Third Thursday of every month.                       | David Taylor .....       | W. G. S. Reynolds. |
| 18 | Oxford.                | Woodstock. .... W      | Third Friday of every month.                         | Jas. Sutherland. ....    | Jas. Wilson.       |
| 19 | Mount Moriah.          | St. Catharines. .... N | Friday on or before f. moon of every m <sup>th</sup> | C. G. McDermott .....    | Levi Yale.         |
| 20 | Mount Horeb.           | Brantford. .... W      | First Wednesday of every month.                      | Wm. Watt, jr .....       | D. Curtis.         |
| 22 | Grenville.             | Prescott. .... C       | Second Tuesday of every month.                       | Jno. Francis. ....       | M. Dowsley.        |
| 23 | Ezra.                  | Simcoe. .... W         | Second Wednesday of every month.                     | A. E. Ahrens .....       | I. Baker.          |
| 24 | Tecumseh.              | Stratford. .... H. N   | Last Tuesday of every month.                         | Jno. Nettleton. ....     | Jas. Lindsay.      |
| 26 | St. Mark's.            | Trenton. .... P. E     | Second Wednesday of every month.                     | L. K. Murtion. ....      | S. S. Edsall.      |
| 27 | Manitou.               | Collingwood. .... T    | First Friday of every month.                         | T. J. Galbraith. ....    | Louis A. Congdon.  |
| 28 | Pentalpha.             | Oshawa. .... O         | Second Friday of every month.                        | Jas. Green .....         | Henry W. Ball.     |
| 29 | McCallum.              | Dunnville. .... N      | Friday on or after full moon.                        | H. Welbanks .....        | Donald Ro's.       |
| 30 | Huron.                 | Goderich. .... H. N    | Third Tuesday of every month.                        | G. V. J. Greenhill. .... | Jas. M. Hood.      |
| 31 | Prince Edward.         | Picton. .... P. E      | Monday on or after full moon.                        | Geo. Monkman .....       | R. R. Holt.        |
| 32 | Waterloo.              | Galt. .... W. N        | Second Monday of every month.                        | W. R. Howse. ....        | J. H. Addison.     |
| 34 | Signet.                | Barrie. .... T         | Second Tuesday of every month.                       | B. Shortly .....         | C. Cameron.        |
| 35 | Keystone.              | Whitby. .... C         | Third Friday of every month.                         | G. B. Salter. ....       | W. B. Wallace.     |
| 36 | Corinthian.            | Peterboro'. .... C     | Third Tuesday of every month.                        |                          |                    |
| 37 | Victoria.              | Port Hope. .... C      | Second Thursday of every month.                      |                          |                    |

## RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.—Continued.

| NO. | NAME.          | WHERE HELD.   | NIGHT OF MEETING.                           | FIRST PRINCIPAL Z. | SCRIBE. E.           |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| 38  | Seymour        | Bradford      | Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th   | Walter Clarke.     | W. Gibson.           |
| 40  | Guelph         | Guelph        | Second Friday of every month.               | C. H. Lawson.      | W. A. Woolson.       |
| 41  | Harris         | Ingersoll     | First Tuesday after f. moon of, every m'th  | J. Walters.        | Jas. Aylsworth.      |
| 44  | Mount Sinai    | Napanee       | Wednesday after full moon.                  |                    |                      |
| 45  | Excelsior      | Colborne.     | First Thursday of every month.              |                    |                      |
| 46  | St. James.     | St. Mary's.   | Second Wednesday of every month.            | Thos. Scullard.    | Jas. Birch.          |
| 47  | Wellington     | Chatham.      | Second Thursday of every month.             | D. McNaughton.     | Jas. G. Orr.         |
| 48  | St. John's.    | Cobourg.      | Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th.  | A. Spalding.       | W. Gay.              |
| 49  | Elora          | Elora         | Wed. on or after f. moon of every m'th.     | Wm. G. Bell.       | D. Hope.             |
| 52  | Prince Rupert. | Winnipeg      | First Thursday of every month.              | Robt. Scott.       | Jas. W. Ford.        |
| 53  | Bruce          | Petrolia      | First Thursday of every month.              | A. N. Pettit.      | W. E. Idsardi, act'g |
| 54  | Palestine      | St. Thomas.   | Second Thursday of every month.             | Robt. Best.        | John G. Rousseau.    |
| 55  | Niagara.       | Niagara.      | Thursday after full moon                    | Samuel Lloyd.      | Ewing Cameron.       |
| 56  | Georgian       | Owen Sound.   | Third Tuesday of every month.               | J. B. Neff.        | C. Lugsdin.          |
| 57  | King Hiram     | Pt. Colborne. | First Thursday of every month.              | J. H. Burritt.     | C. H. Fitzsimmons.   |
| 58  | Pembroke.      | Pembroke.     | First Monday of every month.                | G. Gale.           | Wm. A. Ewing.        |
| 59  | Sussex         | Brockville.   | Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th   | Thos. Ratcliffe.   | R. Hill.             |
| 60  | Doric.         | Newmarket.    | First Wednesday of every month.             | J. H. Thrall.      | Jas. E. Hopkings.    |
| 61  | Granite.       | Almonte.      | Second Monday of every month                | John M. Carter.    | Jas. S. Greenhill.   |
| 62  | York.          | Eglington.    | Thursday on or after full moon.             | B. Frer            | M. W. Bridgman.      |
| 63  | Havelock.      | Kincardine.   | Third Thursday of every month.              | L. P. Willson      | Jas. Hewlett.        |
| 64  | Willson        | Welland.      | Last Wednesday of every month.              | W. H. Best         | W. F. Murray.        |
| 65  | St Paul's.     | Toronto       | Second Wednesday of every month.            | A. Worthington     |                      |
| 66  | The Malloch    | Clinton.      | Friday before full moon of every month.     |                    |                      |
| 67  | Enterprise.    | Harriston.    | First Tuesday of every month                | A. T. Dunn.        | J. Chapman.          |
| 68  | Maitland.      | North Augusta | Third Thurs. in Mar., June, Sept. & Dec     | Ed. E. Loosley.    | Wm. Forbes.          |
| 69  | Grimsby.       | Grimsby       | First Wed in July, Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar & May |                    |                      |

|                    |               |      |  |                    |                 |
|--------------------|---------------|------|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| 70 Grand River.    | Berlin.       | W.N. | Monday on or before full moon.             | J. M. Scully       | Alex. Miller.   |
| 71 Prince of Wales | Amherstb'g    | StC  | First Monday on or after full moon         | Geo. Gott.         | Geo. Green.     |
| 73 Erie            | Ridgetown.    | StC  | Wednesday on or before full moon           |                    |                 |
| 74 Beaver          | Strathroy.    | L    | Second Tuesday of every month              |                    |                 |
| 75 St. Clair       | Milton        | H    | Second Wed. of every alternate month.      | J. E. Harrison.    | W. H. McNab.    |
| 76 Mount Nebo      | Niagara Falls | N    | Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th  | Jas McGarry        | Geo. Hyatt.     |
| 77 Occident        | Toronto.      | T    | Second Monday of every month.              | John Hetherington. | R. Ogilvie.     |
| 78 Minnewawa.      | Park Hill.    | L    | Third Monday of every month.               |                    |                 |
| 79 Orient          | Toronto.      | T    | Fourth Thursday of every month.            | J. K. Leslie       | F. H. Anderson. |
| 80 Ark             | Windsor.      | StC  | Second Monday of every month.              | Thos. McGregor.    | W. H. Miner.    |
| 81 Aylmer          | Aylmer        | L    | Friday on or after f. moon of every m'th   | S. S. Clutton      | C. C. Miller.   |
| 82 Shuniah.        | Port Arthur   | M    | Friday on or before full moon              | R. E. Mitchell.    | W. G. Smith.    |
| 83 Ionic.          | Orangeville.  | W.N  | Tuesday on or after f. moon of every m'th  | J. C. Fox.         | Jno. McLaren.   |
| 84 Lebanon         | Wingham       | HN   | First Wednesday of every month             |                    |                 |
| 85 Exeter.         | Exeter.       | HN   | First Tuesday of every month               | M. Eacrett         | C. Senior.      |
| 86 Macpherson.     | Meaford.      | T    | Second Thursday of every month.            | D. Bole.           | H. McDonald.    |
| 87 Wentworth       | Dundas.       | H    | Tuesday on or before full moon.            | F. Bennett         | F. A. Latshaw.  |
| 88 Macnabb.        | Dresden       | StC  | Second Wed. after f. moon of every m'th    |                    |                 |
| 90 Golden.         | Rat Portage.  | M    | Third Tuesday of every month.              | D. T. Ferguson     | J. K. Brydon.   |
| 91 Antiquity.      | Parkdale.     | T    | Second Tuesday of every month              | T. W. Todd         | M. Macleod.     |
| 92 Spry            | Alliston.     | T    | Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th  | T. S. Patterson    | T. W. Howard.   |
| 93 Metropolitan.   | Melbourne.    | AUS  | 1st Mon. in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep & Nov | Thos. Main.        | York Bramwell.  |
| 94 Midland.        | Lindsay.      | O    | Second Friday of every month.              | J. W. Wallace.     |                 |

NOTE.—The capital letters on the right of "where held" column indicate the several Districts, viz.:—St C., St Clair; L., London; W., Wilson; W.N., Wellington; H., Hamilton; HN., Huron; N., Niagara; T., Toronto; O., Ontario; P. E., Prince Edward; C., Central; M., Manitoba; Aus., Australia.

## BALANCES IN LEDGER, JUNE 30, 1887.

| NO. | NAME OF CHAPTER.              | PLACE OF MEETING. | WARRANT GRANTED. | NO. RETURNS.          | LAST RETURNS. | AM'T THEN DUE. | CR'DIT |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|--------|
| 1   | Ancient Frontenac & Catarqui. | Kingston.         | A. D. 1795       | .....                 | May 31, 1887  | .....          | .....  |
| 2   | The Hiram                     | Hamilton          | " 1820           | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | 7 00   |
| 3   | St. John's.                   | London.           | " 1844           | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 4   | St. Andrew and St. John's.    | Toronto.          | " 1847           | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 5   | St. George's.                 | London.           | " 1854           | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 6   | St. John's.                   | Hamilton.         | " 1855           | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 7   | Moir.                         | Belleville.       | " 1856           | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 8   | King Solomon's.               | Toronto.          | " 1857           | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 15  | Wawanosh.                     | Sarnia            | Feb. 8, 1860     | ..... 1887            | " 1886        | .....          | .....  |
| 16  | Carleton.                     | Ottawa            | "                | .....                 | " 1887        | 20             | .....  |
| 18  | Oxford.                       | Woodstock         | "                | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 19  | Mount Moriah.                 | St. Catharines.   | Feb. 21, 1861    | .....                 | " 1887        | 18 00          | .....  |
| 20  | Mount Horeb.                  | Brantford.        | "                | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 22  | Grenville.                    | Prescott.         | Feb. 20, 1862    | ..... 1887            | " 1886        | .....          | .....  |
| 23  | Ezra.                         | Simcoe.           | "                | ... 1883-4-5-6-7      | Jan. 31, 1882 | 19 00          | .....  |
| 24  | Tecumseh.                     | Stratford         | Aug. 11, 1863    | .....                 | May 31, 1887  | .....          | .....  |
| 26  | St. Mark's.                   | Trenton.          | Aug. 14, 1866    | 1874 to '87 inclusive | Jan. 31, 1873 | .....          | .....  |
| 27  | Manitou.                      | Collingwood.      | "                | .....                 | May 31, 1887  | .....          | .....  |
| 28  | Pentalpha.                    | Oshawa.           | Aug. 13, 1867    | ... 1885-6-7          | " 1884        | .....          | .....  |
| 29  | McCallum.                     | Dunnville.        | "                | .....                 | " 1887        | 10 40          | .....  |
| 30  | Huron.                        | Goderich.         | "                | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 31  | Prince Edward.                | Pictou.           | Aug. 11, 1868    | ..... 1887            | " 1886        | .....          | 2 00   |
| 32  | Waterloo.                     | Galt.             | Aug. 11, 1868    | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 34  | Signet.                       | Barrie.           | Aug. 10, 1869    | .....                 | " 1887        | .....          | .....  |
| 35  | Keystone.                     | Whitby.           | "                | .....                 | " 1887        | 32 40          | .....  |

|    |                      |                    |               |                       |               |       |
|----|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------|
| 36 | Corinthian.....      | Peterboro'.....    | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 37 | Victoria.....        | Port Hope.....     | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 38 | Seymour.....         | Bradford.....      | Aug. 10, 1870 | 1886-87               | 1885          | "     |
| 40 | Guelph.....          | Guelph.....        | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 41 | Harris.....          | Ingersoll.....     | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 44 | Mount Sinai.....     | Napanee.....       | Aug. 9, 1871  | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 45 | Excelsior.....       | Colborne.....      | "             | 1881-2-3-4-5-6-7      | Jan. 31, 1880 | 13 60 |
| 46 | St. James'.....      | St. Mary's.....    | "             | 1874 to '87 inclusive | May 31, 1873  | 2 75  |
| 47 | Wellington.....      | Chatham.....       | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 48 | St. John's.....      | Cobourg.....       | Aug. 14, 1872 | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 49 | Elora.....           | Elora.....         | "             | "                     | 1887          | 20    |
| 52 | Prince Rupert's..... | Winnipeg.....      | "             | "                     | 1887          | 5 80  |
| 53 | Bruce.....           | Petrollea.....     | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 54 | Palestine.....       | St. Thomas.....    | Aug. 13, 1873 | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 55 | Niagara.....         | Niagara.....       | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 56 | Georgian.....        | Owen Sound.....    | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 57 | King Hiram.....      | Port Colborne..... | Aug. 14, 1874 | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 58 | Pembroke.....        | Pembroke.....      | "             | 1887                  | 1886          | "     |
| 59 | Sussex.....          | Brockville.....    | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 60 | Doric.....           | Newmarket.....     | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 61 | Granite.....         | Almonte.....       | Aug. 14, 1874 | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 62 | York.....            | Eglington.....     | "             | 1887                  | 1886          | "     |
| 63 | Havelock.....        | Kincardine.....    | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 64 | Willson.....         | Welland.....       | Aug. 11, 1875 | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 65 | St. Paul's.....      | Toronto.....       | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 66 | The Malloch.....     | Clinton.....       | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 67 | Enterprise.....      | Harriston.....     | "             | 1887                  | 1886          | "     |
| 68 | Maitland.....        | North Augusta..... | "             | "                     | 1887          | 90    |
| 69 | Grimsby.....         | Grimsby.....       | "             | "                     | 1887          | "     |
| 70 | Grand River.....     | Berlin.....        | Aug. 9, 1876  | "                     | 1887          | 20    |
| 71 | Prince of Wales..... | Amherstburg.....   | "             | 1887                  | 1886          | "     |
| 73 | Erie.....            | Ridgetown.....     | "             | 1887                  | 1886          | "     |



BALANCES IN LEDGER, JUNE 30, 1887.—*Continued.*

| NO. | NAME OF CHAPTER.  | PLACE OF MEETING.        | WARRANT GRANTED. | NO. RETURNS. | LAST RETURNS   | AM'T THEN DUE | CR'DIT |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| 74  | Beaver.....       | Strathroy.....           | "                | 1884-5-6-7   | "              | 1883          | .....  |
| 75  | St. Clair.....    | Milton.....              | "                | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 76  | Mount Nebo.....   | Niagara Falls South..... | "                | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 77  | Jocident.....     | Toronto.....             | "                | 1887         | "              | 1886          | .....  |
| 78  | Linnewawa.....    | Park Hill.....           | Aug. 8, 1877     | 1886-7       | "              | 1885          | .....  |
| 79  | Orient.....       | Toronto.....             | "                | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 80  | Ark.....          | Windsor.....             | "                | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 81  | Aylmer.....       | Aylmer.....              | Aug. 14, 1878    | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 82  | Shuniah.....      | Port Arthur.....         | "                | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 83  | Ionic.....        | Orangeville.....         | "                | 1887         | "              | 1886          | .....  |
| 84  | Lebanon.....      | Wingham.....             | "                | 1887         | "              | 1886          | .....  |
| 85  | Exeter.....       | Exeter.....              | Aug. 12, 1879    | .....        | "              | 1887          | 6 00   |
| 86  | Macpherson.....   | Meaford.....             | July 16, 1880    | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 87  | Wentworth.....    | Dundas.....              | "                | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 88  | Macnabb.....      | Dresden.....             | July 14, 1882    | 1886-7       | "              | 1885          | 2 00   |
| 90  | Golden.....       | Rat Portage.....         | July 13, 1883    | .....        | "              | 1887          | 1 00   |
| 91  | Antiquity.....    | Parkdale.....            | July 11, 1884    | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 92  | Spry.....         | Alliston.....            | July 10, 1885    | .....        | "              | 1887          | .....  |
| 93  | Metropolitan..... | Melbourne.....           | July 16, 1886    | .....        | Oct. 31, 1886  | 1886          | .....  |
| 94  | M.dland.....      | Lindsay.....             | July 15, 1887    | .....        | No ret's since | organization, | .....  |

TABULAR STATEMENT EXTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1887.

| ON | NAME OF CHAPTER.                | PLACE OF MEETING. | No. of Admissions. | No. of Joinings. | Restr'd. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Expel'd. | Deaths. | No. of Mem'bs |
|----|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|---------|---------------|
| 1  | Ancient Frontenac & Catarqui... | Kingston...       | 2                  | ...              | 1        | 1            | ...          | ...      | 1       | 98            |
| 2  | The Hiram...                    | Hamilton...       | 9                  | ...              | ...      | 8            | 24           | ...      | ...     | 196           |
| 3  | St. John's...                   | London...         | 4                  | ...              | 3        | ...          | 18           | ...      | 2       | 72            |
| 4  | St. Andrew and St. John...      | Toronto...        | 7                  | ...              | ...      | 1            | 2            | ...      | ...     | 104           |
| 5  | St. George's...                 | London...         | 6                  | ...              | ...      | ...          | 4            | ...      | 3       | 76            |
| 6  | St. John's...                   | Hamilton...       | 4                  | 2                | ...      | 4            | 6            | ...      | ...     | 181           |
| 7  | Moira...                        | Belleville...     | 4                  | 1                | ...      | 7            | 2            | ...      | ...     | 83            |
| 8  | King Solomon's...               | Toronto...        | 13                 | 3                | ...      | 11           | 6            | ...      | 2       | 140           |
| 15 | Wawanosh...                     | Sarnia...         | ...                | ...              | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | ...     | 46            |
| 16 | Carleton...                     | Ottawa...         | 3                  | 3                | ...      | 2            | 4            | ...      | 1       | 77            |
| 18 | Oxford...                       | Woodstock...      | 1                  | ...              | ...      | 1            | ...          | ...      | 3       | 23            |
| 19 | Mount Moriah...                 | St Catharines...  | 5                  | 2                | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | 2       | 75            |
| 20 | Mount Horeb...                  | Brantford...      | ...                | ...              | ...      | 2            | 4            | ...      | ...     | 29            |
| 22 | Grenville...                    | Prescott...       | ...                | ...              | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | ...     | 33            |
| 23 | Ezra...                         | Simcoe...         | ...                | ...              | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | ...     | 19            |
| 24 | Tecumseh...                     | Stratford...      | ...                | 2                | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | ...     | 38            |
| 26 | St. Mark's...                   | Trenton...        | ...                | ...              | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | ...     | 26            |
| 27 | Manitou...                      | Collingwood...    | 2                  | ...              | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | 1       | 28            |
| 28 | Pentalpha...                    | Oshawa...         | ...                | ...              | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | ...     | 30            |
| 29 | McCallum...                     | Dunnville...      | 1                  | ...              | ...      | 3            | 12           | ...      | 1       | 48            |
| 30 | Huron...                        | Goderich...       | 4                  | ...              | ...      | 7            | 3            | ...      | 2       | 45            |
| 31 | Prince Edward...                | Picton...         | ...                | ...              | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | ...     | 51            |
| 32 | Waterloo...                     | Galt...           | 4                  | ...              | ...      | ...          | ...          | ...      | ...     | 34            |
| 34 | Signet...                       | Barrie...         | 4                  | ...              | ...      | 4            | ...          | ...      | ...     | 44            |
| 35 | Keystone...                     | Whitby...         | 1                  | 2                | ...      | 6            | 17           | ...      | 1       | 14            |
| 36 | Corinthian...                   | Peterboro'        | 2                  | 1                | ...      | 2            | ...          | ...      | 1       | 61            |





## RECAPITULATION.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Number of Chapters on the Roll.....                 | 77         |
| “ “ Represented in Grand Chapter.....               | 52         |
| “ Registrations Reported... ..                      | 198        |
| “ Joinings “ .....                                  | 30         |
| “ Restorations “ .....                              | 9          |
| “ Withdrawals “ .....                               | 123        |
| “ Suspensions “ .....                               | 139        |
| “ Deaths “ .....                                    | 44         |
| “ Expulsions “ .....                                | 0          |
| Total Number of Members on Roll Grand Chapter... .. | 3,441      |
| Total Amount of Receipts, 1886-7.....               | \$2,417 89 |

## SUSPENSIONS.

| Name.             | Name and No. of Chapter. | Date.        |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Atkinson, M. S.   | No. 2, Hiram, Hamilton.  | May 2, 1887. |
| Alverson, J. D.   | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Edwards, Jno.     | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Eckerson, L.      | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Jones, W. T.      | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Simpson, M.       | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Collier, W. F.    | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Wyld, E.          | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Cowie, Thos.      | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Collins, M.       | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Overholt, M.      | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Moore, T. M.      | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Richardson, Henry | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Farley, John      | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Robinson, Henry   | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Swannell J.       | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Burridge, J.      | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Kenrick, R.       | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Richardson, M.    | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Hubbard, W. L.    | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Crawford, H. T.   | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Davis, H. H.      | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Wetherall, T. J.  | “ “ “                    | “ “          |
| Johnston, J. H.   | “ “ “                    | “ “          |

| Name.             | Name and No. of Chapter.                 | Date.          |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| McKay, J. H.      | No. 3, St. John's, London,               | Sept. 22, 1886 |
| Dennis, R.        | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Wigmore, R.       | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Hull, J. D.       | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Wardrope, Thomas  | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Cairns, Wm.       | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Eckley, Leslie    | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Fletcher, W. S.   | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Browne, W. R.     | " " "                                    | Feb. 23, 1887  |
| Glass, Mathew J.  | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Norris, John      | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Hook, T. C.       | " " "                                    | Feb. 23, 1887  |
| Neil, J.          | No. 4, St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, | Sept. 17, 1886 |
| Brydon, Wm.       | " " "                                    | " "            |
| McRae, Alex.      | No. 5, St. George's, London,             | July 10, 1886  |
| Luxton, Richard   | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Thompson, A. K.   | " " "                                    | " "            |
| McKay, Wm.        | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Davis, C. A.      | No. 6, St. John's, Hamilton,             | April 14, 1887 |
| Henderson, A. S.  | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Laing, W. T.      | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Vanatter, J.      | " " "                                    | " "            |
| McQueen, J.       | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Bowering, R.      | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Bottoms, Hy. L.   | No. 7, Moira, Belleville,                | Oct. 5, 1886   |
| Lingham, Nelson   | " " "                                    | Mar. 1, 1887   |
| Roach, John A.    | No. 8, King Solomon's Toronto,           | Nov. 5, 1885   |
| Bland, J. D.      | " " "                                    | Dec. 2, 1885   |
| Dill, John        | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Harrison, John    | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Lancaster, C. L.  | " " "                                    | June 1, 1887   |
| Ball, Peter Brown | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Fisher, Samuel,   | No. 10, New Brunswick, St. John          | " 1, 1885      |
| Smith, John       | No. 16, Carleton, Ottawa,                | July 9, 1887   |
| Hardman, E.       | No. 20, Mount Horeb, Brantford,          | May 4, 1887    |
| Holme, T. W.      | " " "                                    | " "            |
| McMaster, Jas.    | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Champion, Chas.   | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Mattison, Arr     | No. 29, McCallum, Dunnville,             | Oct. 23, 1885  |
| Hoover, Jesse     | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Hoover, Silas     | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Stewart, Wm. W.   | " " "                                    | " "            |
| Myrne, John       | " " "                                    | " "            |



| Name.               | Name and No. of Chapter.          | Date.          |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| McIndoe, Wm. R.,    | No. 29, McCallum, Dunnville,      | Oct. 29, 1885  |
| Oldfield, Chas.     | " " "                             | " "            |
| Murdy, Robt. G.     | " " "                             | " "            |
| Haney, Matthew F.   | " " "                             | " "            |
| Nimmo, Robt.        | " " "                             | " "            |
| Proper, David H.    | " " "                             | " "            |
| Sime, James A.      | " " "                             | " "            |
| Biglow, Isaac L.    | No. 30, Huron, Goderich,          | June 19, 1883  |
| Dalton, Hy.         | " " "                             | " "            |
| Aldrich, M. L.      | " " "                             | " "            |
| Dartnell, G. H.     | No. 35, Keystone, Whitby,         | Aug. 2, 1878   |
| Campbell, Jas. A.   | " " "                             | June, 1880     |
| Francis, R.         | " " "                             | " "            |
| Currie, John        | " " "                             | " "            |
| Smith, Jas.         | " " "                             | " "            |
| Samo, Jas. H.       | " " "                             | " "            |
| Brown, John H.      | " " "                             | " "            |
| Munroe, John        | " " "                             | " "            |
| Allen, Lewis        | " " "                             | " "            |
| Hawkey, L. C.       | " " "                             | " "            |
| Horn, Jas.          | " " "                             | " "            |
| Bentley, L. C.      | " " "                             | " "            |
| Mitchell, F. L.     | " " "                             | " "            |
| Kester, W. A.       | " " "                             | " "            |
| Ferrier, D. M.      | " " "                             | " "            |
| Tillen, John        | " " "                             | Jany., 1883    |
| Thompson, Wm.       | " " "                             | " "            |
| Lewis, F. G.        | No. 41, Harris, Ingersoll,        | March 15, 1887 |
| Lawson, Jas. W.     | " " "                             | " "            |
| Agur, Robt.         | " " "                             | " "            |
| Chadwick, L. J.     | " " "                             | " "            |
| Sutherland, Alex.   | " " "                             | " "            |
| Vanwinckle, P. E.   | No. 44, Mt. Sinai, Napanee,       | May 11, 1887   |
| Wood, Geo. D.       | No. 52, Prince Rupert, Winnipeg,  | May 7, 1885    |
| Dixie, Richard,     | No. 53, Bruce, Petrolia.          | no date.       |
| Herring, Richard O. | " " "                             | " "            |
| Vetter, J. J.       | " " "                             | " "            |
| Secord, Wm. F.      | No. 57, King Hiram, Pt. Colborne, | May 5, 1887    |
| Griffith, Jas. A.   | " " "                             | " "            |
| Robertson, Jno.     | " " "                             | " "            |
| Arnott, Wm.         | " " "                             | " "            |
| McKay, Jas          | " " "                             | " "            |

| Name.              | Name and No. of Chapter.              | Date.          |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Bruce, W. H.       | No. 60, Doric, Newmarket,             | May 7, 1887    |
| Phillips, S. E.    | " " "                                 | " "            |
| Soules, S. C.      | " " "                                 | " "            |
| Rumble, R.         | " " "                                 | " "            |
| Andrews, W. Y.     | " " "                                 | " "            |
| Ashworth, W. H.    | " " "                                 | " "            |
| Keightly, J. F. S. | No. 71, Prince of Wales, Amherstburg, | Nov. 23, 1885  |
| Westaway, John     | " "                                   | May 1, 1886    |
| Quelch, H. F.      | No. 79, Orient, Toronto.              | no date.       |
| Gilmour, Gilbert   | " " "                                 | Aug. 26, 1886  |
| Watt, D. H.        | " " "                                 | no date.       |
| Westman, Jos.      | " " "                                 | April 28, 1887 |
| Grant, Donald,     | No. 80, Ark, Windsor,                 | Feby. 14, 1887 |
| Renchard, J. Ven   | " " "                                 | " "            |
| Allworth, Edward   | " " "                                 | " "            |
| Burnie, Thos.      | " " "                                 | June, 1886     |
| Willis, Geo.       | No. 85, Exeter, Exeter,               | June 23, 1881  |
| Hudson, Jos.       | " " "                                 | Feby. 8, 1887  |
| Hooper, Geo. H. B. | No. 91, Antiquity, Parkdale,          | June 8, 1886   |

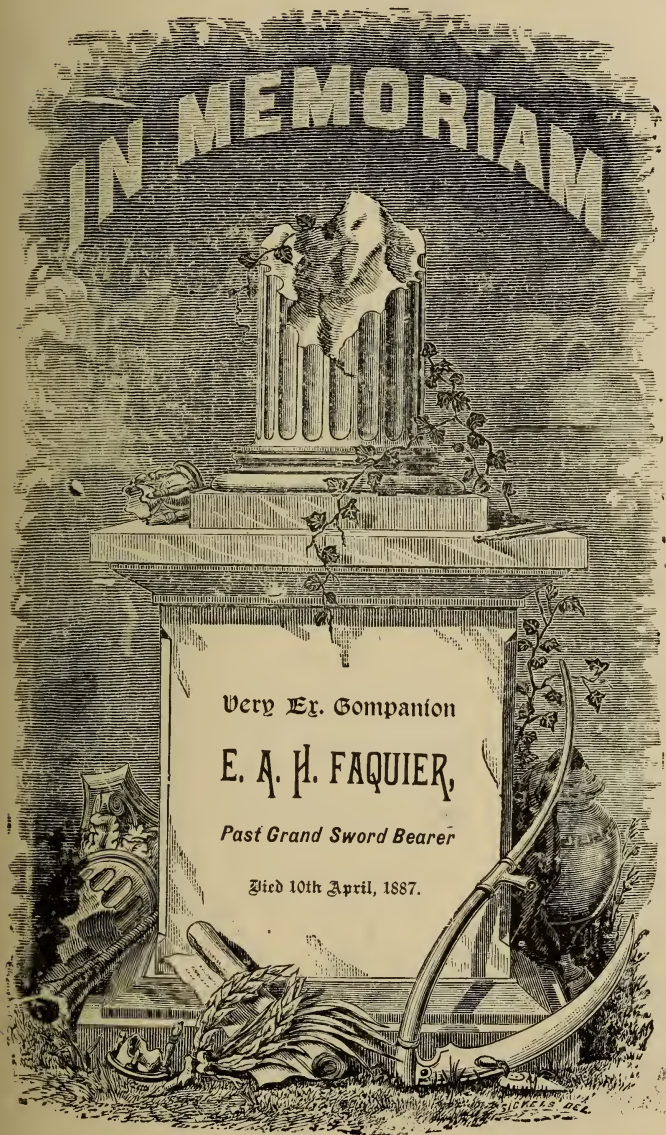
## RESTORATIONS.

| Name.            | Name and No. of Chapter.   | Date.          |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Wigmore, R.      | No. 3, St. John's, London, | June 27, 1883  |
| Knapp, Chas. F.  | " " "                      | June 30, 1886  |
| Riddell, Walter, | " " "                      | Sept. 22, 1886 |
| Walker, D. R.    | No. 41, Harris, Ingersoll, | Sept. 21, 1886 |
| Grey, M. H.      | " " "                      | Oct. 19, 1886  |
| Crawford, Wm.    | No. 52, Prince Rupert,     | Sept. 3, 1885  |
| Hunt, H. G.      | No. 54, Palestine,         | Nov. 30, 1885  |
| Bond, Jas.       | No. 79, Orient, Toronto,   | Jany. 27, 1887 |

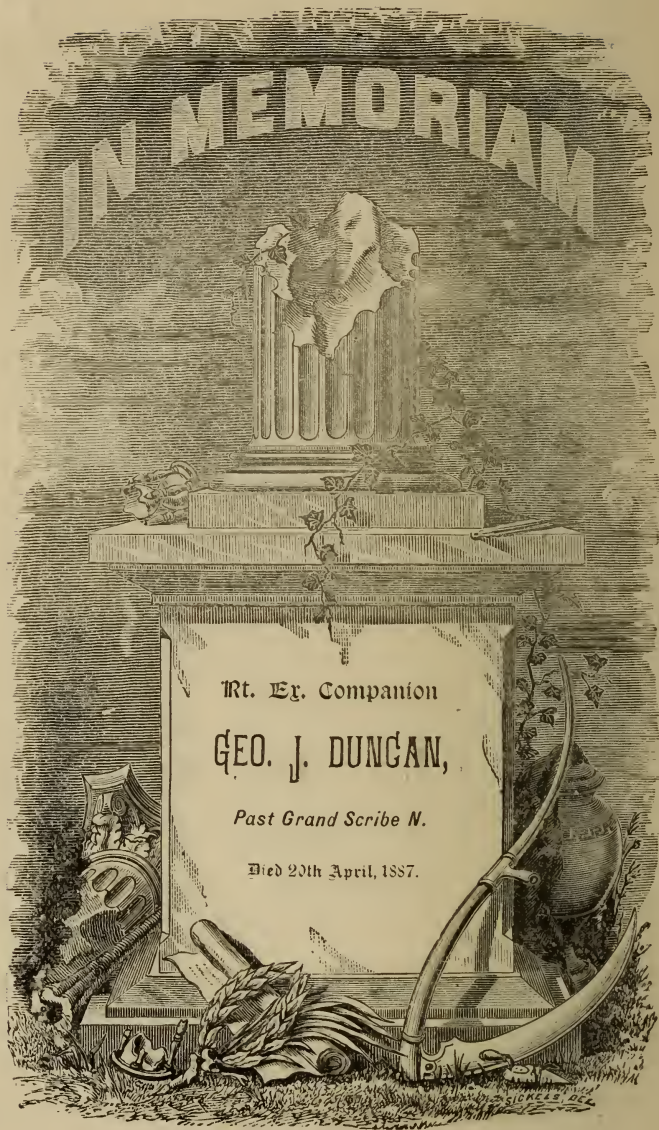
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| NAME.                | NAME AND<br>NUMBER OF CHAPTER. | DATE.            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Thornton, Samuel...  | 1, Anc. Frontenac..            | Aug. 9, 1886.    |
| Campbell, Frank....  | 3, St. John's.....             | Oct 16, 1886     |
| Hodgins, Isaac.....  | 3, ".....                      | April 24, 1887.  |
| Michie, John.....    | 5, St. George's.....           | June 12, 1886.   |
| Wallace, James.....  | 5, ".....                      | Feb'y 13, 1887.  |
| O'Neil, Wm. S.....   | 5, ".....                      | April 18, 1887.  |
| Young, John.....     | 8, King Solomon's..            | Dec. 5, 1886.    |
| Burns, J. G.....     | 8, ".....                      | May 28, 1887.    |
| McConnell, James...  | 10, New Brunswick..            | Sept. 23, 1885.  |
| McNichol, Jas., sr.: | 10, ".....                     | June 19, 1886.   |
| Fraser, James McG..  | 10, ".....                     | May 17, 1887.    |
| Cambie, A. J.....    | 16, Carleton.....              | Feb. 19, 1887.   |
| Hall, Henry.....     | 18, Oxford.....                | June 17, 1886.   |
| Faquier, E. A. H...  | 18, ".....                     | April, 10, 1887. |
| Middleton, George..  | 18, ".....                     | May 7, 1887.     |
| Rosli, Gaspard.....  | 19, Mount Moriah...            | Jan. 18, 1886.   |
| Duncan, Geo. J.....  | 19, ".....                     | April 21, 1887.  |
| Ferguson, John.....  | 27, Manitou.....               | Feb. 23, 1887.   |
| Waltho, Samuel....   | 29, McCallum.....              | Dec. 29, 1885.   |
| Dyett, Charles.....  | 30, Huron.....                 | June, 1880.      |
| McLeod, Donald....   | 30, ".....                     | Aug., 1883.      |
| Wallace, James.....  | 35, Keystone.....              | Oct., 1880.      |
| Hammond, John E..    | 36, Corinthian.....            | Jan. 3, 1887.    |
| Stalker, Wm. ....    | 37, Victoria.....              | Nov. 13, 1886.   |
| Torrie, Wm S.....    | 39, Botsford.....              | May, 1885.       |
| Woodcock, Ralph A.   | 41, Harris.....                | Mar 9, 1886.     |
| Campbell, Homer, jr. | 41, ".....                     | July 31, 1886.   |
| Lloyd, W. H. ....    | 48, St. John's.....            | July 18, 1886.   |
| Spencer, Geo. B....  | 52, Prince Rupert...           | Oct. 5, 1886.    |
| McKeand, Alfred....  | 52, ".....                     | Jan. 13, 1887.   |
| Supple, W. H.....    | 58, Pembroke.....              | Jan. 1876.       |
| Antonio, Joseph....  | 58, ".....                     | Dec., 1884.      |
| LeGear, James.....   | 63, Havelock.....              | May 16, 1887.    |
| Mylchreest, John...  | 64, Willson.....               | April 24, 1886.  |
| Brereton, J. H.....  | 65, St. Paul's.....            | Mar. 10, 1887    |
| Joslin, Thos. E..... | 66, The Malloch....            | July 12, 1886.   |
| Longley, Geo. C....  | 68, Maitland.....              | Feb. 22, 1885.   |
| Park, T. J.....      | 71, Prince of Wales..          | Mar. 23, 1884.   |
| Wilkinson, W. F....  | 71, ".....                     | Jan. 19, 1885.   |
| Goldsborough, Geo.   | 76, Mount Nebo....             | Feb. 25, 1887.   |
| Gibson, Thos.....    | 79, Orient.....                |                  |
| Manning, John.....   | 79, ".....                     | Sept. 23, 1886.  |
| Blair, John.....     | 79, ".....                     | Mar. 13, 1887.   |
| Clarke, T. F.....    | 82, Shuniah.....               | April 19, 1887.  |
| Wilson, R. B.....    | 82, ".....                     |                  |
| Hooper, L. L.....    | 85, Exeter.....                | Aug 20, 1887.    |

NOTE.—A. H. Cameron reported dead in 1886 by Ancient Frontenac and Catarqui Chapter, No. 1, was an error.—D. McL.



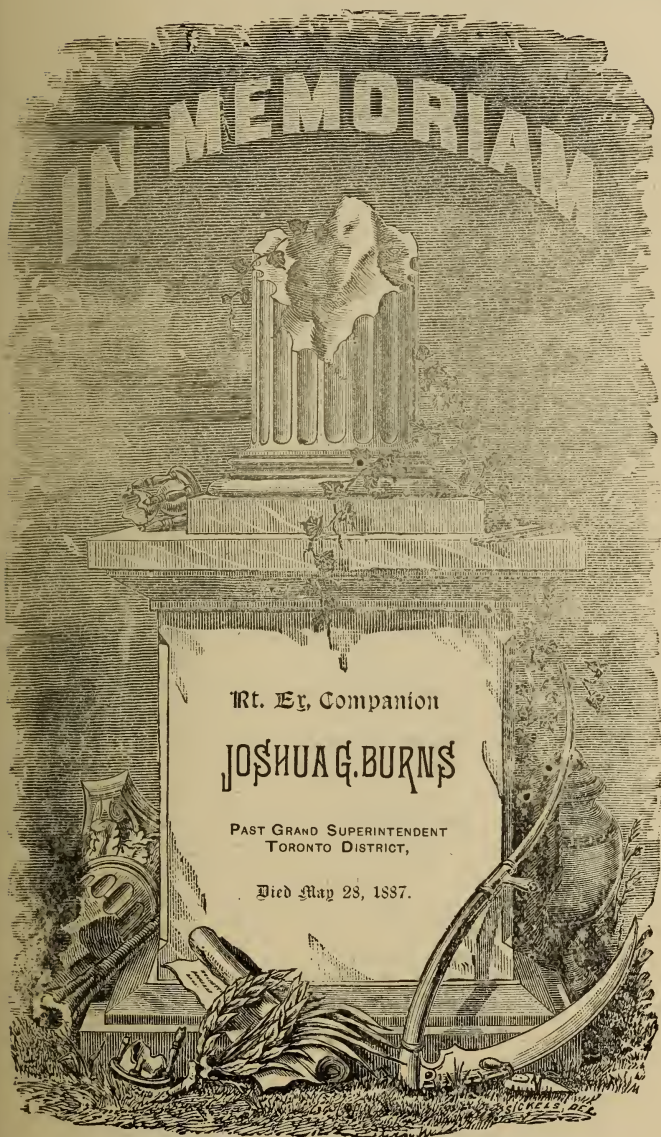




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GEO. J. DUNCAN,

*Past Grand Scribe N.*

Died 20th April, 1887.





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| "           | " C. L. Beard,      | Woodstock   | Wilson "            |
| "           | " H. Lockwood,      | Guelph,     | Wellington "        |
| "           | " Hugh Murray,      | Hamilton,   | Hamilton "          |
| "           | " Joseph Beck,      | Saltford,   | Huron "             |
| "           | " J. M. Dunn,       | Welland,    | Niagara "           |
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| "           | " David McNaughton, | Cobourg,    | Ontario "           |
| "           | " J. J. Farley,     | Belleville, | Pr. Edward "        |
| "           | " George Gale,      | Brockville, | Central "           |
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| "           | " James B. Nixon,      | Toronto.     |
| "           | " John Ross Robertson, | Toronto.     |
| "           | " Alex. Patterson,     | Toronto.     |

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| M. E.       | " Daniel Spry, | Barrie.   |

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| "           | " Wm. G. Reid,    | Hamilton. |
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| Minnesota.....    | John H. Brown, Willmar .....         | A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.....   | P. M. Savery                       |
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## NO. 1, ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Thomas C. Macnabb, Chatham

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| No. 47, Wellington, Chatham.....        | Kent  | County. |
| “ 71, Prince of Wales, Amherstburg..... | Essex | “       |
| “ 73, Erie, Ridgetown.....              | Kent  | “       |
| “ 80, Ark, Windsor.....                 | Essex | “       |
| “ 88, Macnabb, Dresden.....             | Kent  | “       |

## NO. 2, LONDON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. E. Burke, London.

|                                  |           |        |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| No. 3, St. John's, London.....   | Middlesex | County |
| “ 5, St. George's, London.....   | “         | “      |
| “ 15, Wawanosh, Sarnia.....      | Lambton   | “      |
| “ 53, Bruce, Petrolea.....       | “         | “      |
| “ 54, Palestine, St. Thomas..... | Elgin     | “      |
| “ 74, Beaver, Strathroy.....     | Middlesex | “      |
| “ 78, Minnewawa, Park Hill.....  | “         | “      |
| “ 81, Aylmer, Aylmer.....        | Elgin     | “      |

## NO. 3, WILSON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Chas. L. Beard, Woodstock

|                                   |         |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| No. 18, Oxford, Woodstock.....    | Oxford  | County. |
| “ 20, Mount Horeb, Brantford..... | Brant   | “       |
| “ 23, Ezra, Simcoe.....           | Norfolk | “       |
| “ 41, Harris, Ingersoll.....      | Oxford  | “       |

## NO. 4, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. H. Lockwood, Guelph.

|                                  |            |         |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------|
| No. 32, Waterloo, Galt.....      | Waterloo   | County. |
| “ 40, Guelph, Guelph.....        | Wellington | “       |
| “ 49, Elora, Elora.....          | “          | “       |
| “ 67, Enterprise, Harriston..... | “          | “       |
| “ 70, Grand River, Berlin.....   | Waterloo   | “       |
| “ 83, Ionic, Orangeville.....    | Wellington | “       |

## NO. 5, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, Hamilton.

|                                 |           |        |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| No. 2, The Hiram, Hamilton..... | Wentworth | County |
| “ 6, St. John's, Hamilton.....  | “         | “      |
| “ 75, St. Clair, Milton.....    | Halton    | “      |
| “ 87, Wentworth, Dundas.....    | Wentworth | “      |

## NO. 6, HURON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Joseph Beck, Saltford.

|         |                              |       |         |
|---------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| No. 24, | Tecumseh, Stratford .....    | Perth | County. |
| " 30,   | Huron, Goderich .....        | Huron | "       |
| " 46,   | St. James', St. Mary's ..... | Perth | "       |
| " 63,   | Havelock, Kincardine .....   | Bruce | "       |
| " 66,   | The Malloch, Clinton .....   | Huron | "       |
| " 84,   | Lebanon, Wingham .....       | "     | "       |
| " 85,   | Exeter, Exeter .....         | "     | "       |

## NO. 7, NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. John M. Dunn, Welland.

|         |                                       |         |         |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| No. 19, | Mount Moriah, St. Catharines .....    | Lincoln | County. |
| " 29,   | McCallum, Dunnville .....             | Monk    | "       |
| " 55,   | Niagara, Niagara .....                | Niagara | "       |
| " 57,   | King Hiram, Port Colborne .....       | Welland | "       |
| " 64,   | Willson, Welland .....                | "       | "       |
| " 69,   | Grimsby, Grimsby .....                | Lincoln | "       |
| " 76,   | Mount Nebø, Niagara Falls South ..... | Welland | "       |

## NO. 8, TORONTO DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. J. H. Widdifield, Newmarket.

|        |  |        |         |
|--------|--|--------|---------|
| No. 4, | St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto ..... | York   | County. |
| " 8,   | King Solomon's Toronto .....           | "      | "       |
| " 27,  | Manitou, Collingwood .....             | Simcoe | "       |
| " 34,  | Signet, Barrie .....                   | "      | "       |
| " 38,  | Seymour, Bradford .....                | "      | "       |
| " 56,  | Georgian, Owen Sound .....             | Grey   | "       |
| " 60,  | Doric, Newmarket .....                 | York   | "       |
| " 62,  | York, Eglinton .....                   | "      | "       |
| " 65,  | St. Paul's, Toronto .....              | "      | "       |
| " 77,  | Occident, Toronto .....                | "      | "       |
| " 79,  | Orient, Toronto .....                  | "      | "       |
| " 86,  | Macpherson, Meaford .....              | Grey   | "       |
| " 91,  | Antiquity, Parkdale .....              | York   | "       |
| " 92,  | Spy, Alliston .....                    | Simcoe | "       |

## NO. 9, ONTARIO DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. D. McNaughton, Cobourg.

|         |                              |            |         |
|---------|------------------------------|------------|---------|
| No. 28, | Pentalpha, Oshawa .....      | Ontario    | County. |
| " 35,   | Keystone, Whitby .....       | "          | "       |
| " 36,   | Corinthian, Peterboro' ..... | Peterboro' | "       |
| " 37,   | Victoria, Port Hope .....    | Durham     | "       |
| " 45,   | Excelsior, Colborne .....    | Northnmb'd | "       |
| " 48,   | St. John's, Cobourg .....    | "          | "       |
| " 94,   | Midland, Lindsay .....       | Victoria   | "       |

NO. 10, PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. J. Farley, Belleville.

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| No. 7, Moira, Belleville.....    | Hastings County. |
| " 26, St. Mark's, Trenton.....   | " "              |
| " 31, Prince Edward, Picton..... | Pr. Edward "     |
| " 44, Mount Sinai, Napanee.....  | Lennox "         |

NO. 11, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. George Gale, Brockville.

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| No. 1, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston... | Frontenac County. |
| " 16, Carleton, Ottawa.....                         | Carleton "        |
| " 22, Grenville, Prescott. ....                     | Grenville "       |
| " 58, Pembroke, Pembroke.....                       | Renfrew "         |
| " 59, Sussex, Brockville.....                       | Lee's "           |
| " 61, Granite, Almonte.....                         | Lanark "          |
| " 68, Maitland, Maitland.....                       | Grenville "       |

NO. 12, MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, Winnipeg.

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| No. 52, Prince Rupert, Winnipeg..... | Manitoba.        |
| " 82, Shuniah, Port Arthur.....      | Algoma District. |
| " 90, Golden, Rat Portage.....       | Rainey River.    |

NO. 13, AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. York Bramwell, Melbourne.

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# APPENDIX.

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## GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

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### REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

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*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their *twentieth* annual report :

The great event of the year was the meeting of the

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The 26th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States was held at Washington, September 28th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, G. G. H. P.

He commenced his address with the following historical reference :

“Once before in the history of this body it assembled in the city of Washington, and then under circumstances so different that in imagination only the eye of faith could see the great things which have now come.

Then Andrew Jackson, a Freemason and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was President of the United States. The Hon. Edward Livingston, of Louisiana, General Grand High Priest, was Secretary of State during 1831—33 ; from this was accredited Minister to France, where he remained until 1835, when he returned to Rhinebeck, New York, where he died, May 26th, 1836.

Comp. Livingston was elected General Grand High Priest in 1829, again in 1832, and again on December 7th, 1835, when the ninth meeting of the General Grand Chapter was held in the capital of the United States.

The city then had a population of about 21,000, and was described in 1839. by George Combe, an English traveler, as a town that “looks like a large, straggling village, reared in a drained swamp.” To-day the eyes of many witnesses and the tongues of a multitude of people can testify to its topographical beauty, its architectural elegance, its well-disposed and generous people. From what it was to what it is, it has grown chiefly within the last half century. An admiring population regard it as being

first in beauty among the cities of America and history gives it the exceptional distinction of being located by him whose name it bears, and of being founded by the nation for the sole purpose of a seat of government.

The period of General Grand High Priest Livingston's administration was in a time of disaster to Freemasonry. Beginning in 1826, anti-Masonry had inoculated the moral and political life of the country, the Anti-Masonic Party put in nomination, on a platform of its own construction, a third candidate for the office of President, but the triumphant re-election of President Jackson, in 1832, was the first satisfactory symptom of the decline of anti-Masonry, which gradually disappeared from the political arena and opened the way for the present Masonic prosperity."

He reports the formation of 14 new chapters; five in Dakota, one in Wyoming, one in Washington Territory, one in Idaho, one in New Mexico, two in Indian Territory and three in Montana.

New Grand Chapters were also formed in Dakota and Washington Territory.

He recommends the issue of the authorized ritual to the Subordinate Chapters holding directly of the General Grand Chapter, and also a uniform code of By-Laws.

The following are the most important decisions :

*First.* You should have a ballot-box that will not permit one companion to know how another votes on petitions for degrees—the ballot is secret; and though a black ball may be cast, no one should complain unless it is openly known that it was cast with malicious intent.

*Second.* When a ballot for degrees has commenced, it must be concluded and declared at the same meeting. Further time may be given, but not after a ballot has been passed. If a candidate is rejected he can present a new petition if desirable.

*Third.* Meetings of the Chapter are Regular or Special. The former are fixed by the By-laws, and are held at stated intervals. The latter may be at the pleasure of the High Priest, but no business can be transacted at these, except that for which the meeting was called, and of these meetings all the members should have notice.

*Fourth.* A meeting cannot be held legally if only a part of the members are notified. There cannot be a secret or emergency meeting held by a portion of the members, to the exclusion of another portion, and the admission of candidates at such an emergency meeting is wrong. In electing candidates to receive degrees all the members should be notified. None should be kept in ignorance of names presented for degrees."

He declined to extend the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter to Victoria, Australia.

Comp. Chapman devotes considerable space to the Quebec situation. We copy his suggestions and also the conclusion of his very able and interesting address :

“Permit me to suggest :

*First.* That the vote adopted in 1877, whereby this General Grand Chapter recognized the Grand Mark Lodge of England, Wales, &c., be forthwith rescinded.

*Second* That all Subordinate Chapters of obedience to the General Grand Chapter be forbidden to recognize, in any manner effecting Royal Arch Masonry, any person or persons claiming to have received the Mark Degree in any organization holding under the said Grand Mark Lodge, whether such organization may or shall be established in America or elsewhere.

*Third.* That Chapters be permitted to receive petitions *de novo* for degrees from the class of persons covered in the second clause.

*Fourth.* When it shall appear that the Grand Chapter of Quebec is in undisturbed possession of the territory of Quebec by the Grand Mark Lodge, according to the American Masonic system, the second and third clause herein specified shall cease to be operative.

You will observe that I have not used the term, non-intercourse ; it is an unwelcome resort, at the best. The suggestions I have made are left for your disposal.

#### CONCLUSION.

Companions. I have reported such of the more important matters as have pressed themselves upon my attention during the term now closing ; others of lesser consequence have received attention, and all have been treated with a due regard for the common interests of so vast a jurisdiction ; idiosyncrasies of character, local affections, and territorial relations have each played their part ; reason has prevailed over dogmatism ; precept and example have fellowshipped together, and those of our membership have been mindful of the admonition to ‘do good continually.’

In saying this I must not forget that the officers and committees associated with me have been efficient and friendly in their several stations and duties ; helpful ever, kind always, I must believe that the spirit of Freemasonry has animated them, and that out of this shall come greater good and higher honor for the Craft.

It rejoices me to say that I do not know of any pride, or vainglory, or hypocrisy, or envy, or malice, or uncharitableness so dominant within our jurisdiction as to encourage discord or provoke to discontent. Our duties, therefore, though laborious, have been performed in pleasant places, and so softened by the kindlier emotions of the heart, that

“Mutual joys our mutual trust combine,  
And love and love-born confidence are thine.”

The difference between the English and American systems is only a difficulty, and difficulties invite endeavor.

The relations to be maintained between the General Grand Chapter, the State Grand Chapters, and Chapters of our immediate obedience, involve the exercise of the highest wisdom and the ripest judgment of your deliberations. To this tribunal all questions affecting Royal Arch Masonry, whether general or special, may come ; let them be discussed amicably and settled in peace.

As to the possibilities in the line of progress, imagination halts where reality may begin. Six hundred thousand Master Masons in the United States of America, moved by one beneficent will, lures the senses to covet

this latter consummation and to work for the coming thereof. One-fifth of this great number are our immediate members by obligation; may they not also be mighty men of war against injustice, falsehood and oppression; 'terrible as an army with banners' in the cause of universal truth and benevolence."

Our M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, Grand Z, was present as a distinguished visitor, and was received with all the honors due to his rank and station. In his speech in reply to the courtesies shown him, he referred very appropriately to the contiguity of the jurisdictions, to the fraternal cordiality already existing, to the great work being accomplished by the membership of the General Grand Chapter, and to our desire that the present harmonious relations should always be preserved.

The following report of the Special Committee on the extension of the jurisdiction was adopted:

"The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the General Grand High Priest regarding the organization of a Royal Arch Chapter within the territory of Australia, respectfully report:

From the information in the possession of your committee it does not appear that formal application has been made for the organization of a Chapter within said territory.

We presume, therefore, that the subject was brought to the attention of the General Grand Chapter with the purpose of having an expressed opinion upon a contingency that may hereafter arise.

Your Committee are of the opinion that, as Australia is a Province of the British Crown, and as the General Grand Chapter is in undisturbed fraternal relationship with the Supreme Grand Chapters of the British Empire, whose jurisdiction in the provinces thereunto belonging we recognize and respect, it would be manifestly improper for the General Grand Chapter to organize a Chapter in Australia or elsewhere in the British provinces.

The Committee therefore recommend that on the question of organizing Chapters in foreign jurisdictions, the General Grand Chapter place itself on the broad fundamental doctrine enunciated by the forefathers of our country, of non-intervention in foreign States, or institutions therein established."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is of sufficient importance to be copied in full:

"Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that they have examined the latest publications of the Proceedings of the following Grand Bodies with which the General Grand Chapter holds friendly relations, viz.: The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and the Grand Chapters of Virginia and West Virginia—the only Grand Chapters in this country not subject to the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; all the Grand Chapters in the Dominion of Canada, viz: Canada, Quebec and Nova-Scotia; the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the

Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown all of which contain matter, which, if properly presented and commented on, would prove interesting to the members of the General Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masons generally under its jurisdiction, but which the limited time allotted to the Committ-ee will not permit them to present in a satisfactory manner.

The Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapters of England and Ireland, the only remaining distinctively organized bodies of Royal Arch Masons, if published, have not been brought to our notice.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, one of the oldest and most conservative of the Grand Chapters of this country, and progressive according to the usages which prevail in that jurisdiction, is a strong and vigorous organization; its reports reveal a sound and healthy condition, financially and otherwise, and indicate an active and intelligent interest in its affairs by the companions who are charged with their management. As like begets like, the same conditions animate and govern its subordinates, and, in the spirit of unity, when assembled under the "Holy Royal Arch," they invite the confidence and command the respect of their peers.

With a true appreciation of the principles of Masoury, this Grand Body was the first to tender its services to mediate between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England, etc., in the unfortunate contention existing between those Grand Bodies, and we hazard nothing in expressing the belief that should such tender of mediation be accepted by the contending bodies, equal and exact justice would be meted out to both.

The available funds and investments of the Grand Chapter amount to \$22,083.28; the number of Chapters subordinate to this jurisdiction is 109, and their membership 11,572. There are also subject to it three independent Mark Lodges with a membership of 1555.

In Virginia there seems to have been a marked decrease of that interest which formerly characterized the companions of the "Old Dominion," a comparatively large number of the Subordinate Chapters having failed from year to year to report to the Grand Chapter, and as a consequence they have remained unrepresented, and have not received what they most needed, perhaps, the encouragement and benefit of fraternal association with their peers in the annual convocations of the Grand Chapter. The annual assembling in Grand Chapter of the representatives of its Subordinate Chapters is essential to the well-being of both; the interchange of opinions and the comparison of personal experiences by the companions assembled on such occasions tend to a broadening of thought, an enlarged view, and the acquisition of useful information relating to methods of work and discipline, which, properly employed, enlightens the Craft and intensifies and increases interest throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia is also one of the oldest of the Grand Chapters, and in the conduct of its affairs quite as conservative as any. We find nothing of general interest in its recently published volume of transactions, but they contain abundant evidence of the same love for the Royal Craft, and that earnest devotion to Masonic practices and principles which animates and controls Royal Arch Masons everywhere.

This Grand Chapter has \$1,300 invested and on deposit, besides being the owner of 100 shares of the stock of the Masonic Temple Association of the city of Richmond. The number of its subordinates is 33, and those making returns for the past year are credited with a membership of 1,230.



The Grand Chapter of West Virginia is of recent origin, having been established only within the past fifteen years. Although its growth has not been rapid, it seems to have kept pace with the growth of the State whose name it bears, and its superstructure is erected on a sure foundation. The affairs of the Grand Chapter are prudently managed, and its Proceedings bear the mark of an intelligent and zealous constituency. Eighteen Chapters have been organized within its territory, including those which originally formed the Grand Chapter, but five have succumbed to unfavorable conditions and suspended operations; their revival at no distant day is, however, not improbable. The nine Chapters which made returns at the last annual convocation reported a membership of 417.

We have been much interested in the examination which the brief period of time at our disposal has enabled us to give the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the Dominion of Canada.

The annual convocations of these Grand Bodies appear to have been well sustained by a general attendance of officers and members, conducted with marked ability and an earnest endeavor to legislate wisely for the benefit of the Royal Craft over which they of right exercise supervision. The reports of the officers of the Grand Chapters and Superintendents of Districts, which embrace topics of general interest, also contain much valuable information regarding the condition of each of the constituent Chapters in their respective jurisdictions—this last we regard as an excellent feature since it enables the Grand Bodies to act intelligently and with a just discrimination in considering the wants and needs of the several localities. The reports to which we have referred show that apathy and decay, infirmities of humanity, are clearly discernable in some of the subordinates, but that as a rule they are in a prosperous condition, and that the general outlook is encouraging for the future.

The Grand Chapters of the Dominion are our near neighbors, closely allied to us by a similarity of established laws and systems of jurisprudence, rituals, usages and customs, which greatly facilitates intercourse between the members of our respective jurisdictions. The spirit of true brotherhood and companionship which such intercourse invokes, and the mutual respect and esteem which it involves, growing out of a close acquaintance with and a just appreciation of the companions on both sides of the line which separates our nationality, tends to unite us in the support and maintenance of the just claims of all, and in effect, if not in fact, embraces all in one and the same general government.

The Grand Chapter of Canada has an invested fund of nearly \$12,000, and its subordinates number 79, with a membership of 3,658.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec appears to have been fairly successful, notwithstanding the difficulties with which it has had to contend; its eleven Chapters report a membership of 485.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia holds jurisdiction over twelve Chapters, with a membership of 507.

The subject of most interest to us in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Quebec relates to the unwarranted invasion of its jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, but that question having been ably and thoroughly presented in the address of the General Grand High Priest, your Committee deem it unnecessary to refer further to the matter, except to endorse his recommendations on that subject. We cannot, however, suffer the opportunity to pass without expressing our

commendation of the able, courteous and dignified manner in which our companions of Quebec have conducted the entire correspondence with their English brethren respecting their difficulties, nor withhold our admiration for their patient, courageous and manly attitude regarding them.

The Reporter of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, as the volume of its Proceedings is entitled, is an entertaining record of the transactions of the Supreme Committee, and of the quarterly and annual communications of the Supreme Body. Almost the entire routine of business of the Grand Chapter devolves upon the Supreme Committee, subject to confirmation at the quarterly meetings, while the annual communication is wholly devoted to the election and installation of Grand Officers, otherwise styled office-bearers. In accordance with the usage that seems to prevail in Grand Bodies abroad, the Grand Chapter of Scotland expends a considerable sum annually for charitable purposes, thus exemplifying in a practical way one of the most sacred inculcations of Masonry.

The enterprising spirit of our canny Scotch companions is shown in the list of Chapters under its fostering care, and subject to its jurisdiction, in almost all parts of the habitable globe. These number 156, but we find in the Proceedings no report of the number of companions affiliated therewith.

The progress which has attended the efforts of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, since its organization as a governing body in 1856, is most remarkable.

In the month of June of the present year there were in active operation under its jurisdiction no less than 388 Lodges, divided into 44 Provincial Grand Lodges in England, New Zealand, South Africa, Natal, Victoria, Tasmania, Gibraltar, India and other parts of the globe, and its registered membership numbered 21,657.

The charities of this Grand Body are of an active character, but during its existence it has expended many thousands of dollars in the care and education of orphans, and for the relief of the distressed and the support of the aged and infirm of its household of faith. Its invested funds—General Benevolent, Educational and Annuity—amount to upwards of \$40,000. At a festival held under its auspices, only recently, nearly \$9,000 were realized for its benevolent fund.

In conclusion your Committee beg leave to suggest that their is neither time nor opportunity during the Triennial Convocation to properly examine and review the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters foreign to our jurisdiction, with which we hold friendly relations, and we beg leave further to suggest that in order to secure good results from such examination and review, the Chairman of the Committee should be appointed a sufficient time in advance of the Triennial Convocation to prepare a complete report for submission to the General Grand Chapter."

On the Quebec question there was considerable discussion. The report of the Special Committee agreed with the recommendations of the G. G. H. P., and stated their opinion that final action should be taken to vindicate the great principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the resolution passed by the General Grand Chapter at its Twenty-third Triennial Convocation, held in 1877, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

*Resolved*, That all Subordinate Chapters of obedience to the General Grand Chapter be and are hereby forbidden to recognize, in any manner affecting Royal Arch Masonry, any person or persons claiming to have received the Mark degree in any organization holding under the said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, whether such organization may or shall be established in America or elsewhere.

*Resolved*, That Chapters be and are hereby permitted to receive petitions *de novo* for degrees from the class of persons covered by the second resolution.

*Resolved*, That when it shall appear that the Grand Chapter of Quebec is in the undisputed and undisturbed possession of the entire territory claimed by it and so conceded by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., according to the American Masonic system, then, and in that event, the second and third resolutions shall become inoperative and of no effect."

One member of the committee presented a minority report, with four other resolutions, approving of the action of the G. G. H. P., expressing firm adherence to the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, postponing further action till the next meeting and expressing the hope that the Grand Mark Lodge would recall the warrants of the lodges in Quebec.

The minority resolutions were voted down by a vote of 65 to 99.

On the adoption of the majority report the first resolution, withdrawing recognition, was carried, and the other three resolutions were rejected.

This action of the General Grand Chapter appears to us to be self-contradictory. They withdraw the recognition previously accorded to the Grand Mark Lodge, and refuse to adopt a resolution forbidding their Subordinates to admit members of that Grand Mark Lodge. They will not recognize the Grand Mark Lodge and yet they will allow their Subordinates to admit members of that body. Surely if the governing and creating body cannot be recognized, the Subordinate and created members of that body cannot be recognized either. It may be said that the logical effect of the resolution withdrawing recognition is to shut the doors of all the Chapters upon the members of that body, and that there is, therefore no necessity for a resolution forbidding the Chapters to admit such members. If that is the position taken by the majority of the

G. G. C., we can understand it, but we cannot account for the rejection of the second resolution of the Committee on any other sensible ground.

The Committee on Rituals presented an elaborate report, giving a historical summary of the previous proceedings had on that subject. The following extract gives the present position of the matter :

"In 1871, action was taken and a change made in an essential of the Royal Arch degree, which was promptly rescinded at the succeeding Triennial in 1874.

Nothing further was accomplished in the matter of rituals until the Triennial Convocation at Detroit in 1880, when, as has already been stated, a Standing Committee on Rituals was appointed, pursuant to a provision of the revised Constitution.

That Committee submitted and the General Grand Chapter adopted certain "Work," as appears by the following :

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Esoteric Work be requested to prepare and submit to the Grand Council of the General Grand Chapter the work adopted this day by this Grand Body, and that the said Grand Council take steps to promulgate the same to the several Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction in such manner as to them may seem proper."

In conjunction with this resolution appears the following :

"NOTE.—To prevent any misunderstanding of the action of the General Grand Chapter in revising the rituals of the several degrees, it is proper to state that only the essential instruction pertaining to each degree, with the technical forms of communicating the same, were adopted.—GENERAL GRAND SECRETARY."

From the foregoing it seems that the General Grand Chapter has never adopted a complete and entire system of rituals, but that it has always confined itself to the consideration of that which it deemed essential in the several degrees, leaving each of the Grand Chapters free—in non-essentials—to practice its own method of working.

In his address (1883) Acting General Grand High Priest Chapman emphasizes the view of the action of the General Grand Chapter by the following expression :

"The General Grand Chapter dealt only with essentials ; and the report of 1880, on Ritual, was adopted. A word, a phrase, a sentence even, or a tableaux, may be familiar in Vermont and Massachusetts, but only partially so, or not at all, in Alabama or Mississippi ; and this the General Grand Chapter clearly preceived, and wisely legislated for, in dealing with essentials only."

The legislation in 1880 has, so far as we are informed, been acquiesced in by the Grand Chapters of this jurisdiction, as the only feasible disposition of the matter, most of them have made their work to conform to the required standard of the "essentials" then agreed upon, and, at much expense, have disseminated the same among their subordinates. To say that it was received without friction by the Subordinate Chapters would be wide of the truth, but with the understanding, and in the firm belief that there would be no further change in their methods of work, officers have adopted and are now practicing the amended or corrected rituals.

Fully coinciding with the views so ably and forcibly expressed by the Committee at the Triennial Convocation of 1850, above quoted, which appear to have animated and controlled all legislation of the General Grand Chapter upon the subject of rituals up to the present time we respectfully submit that further general legislation in the direction of uniformity beyond what is necessary to ascertain and preserve the integrity of those "essentials," upon which all can cordially unite and agree, would neither be wise nor beneficial."

The Committee also reported adversely to a proposition to prepare in appropriate cypher the work and lectures of the capitular degrees, but recommend that copies of the essentials of the work adopted in 1880 be furnished to the Chapters in Shanghai, China, and in the Sandwich Islands, and the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, recommends the issue of a uniform code of By-Laws, and also a diploma for members of Chapters holding directly under the G. G. C. They approve of the decision relating to balloting, with the qualification added, that no inquiry can be made as to the motive which induced the casting of a black ball. The third and fourth decisions were also modified as follows :

*"Third.* Meetings of the Chapter are Regular or Special. The former are fixed by the By-Laws, and are held at stated intervals. The latter may be at the pleasure of the High Priest, but no business can be transacted at these except that for which the meeting was called, and of these meetings all the resident members should have notice.

*Fourth.* There can not be a secret or emergency meeting held by a portion of the members, to the exclusion of another portion, and the admission of candidates at an emergency meeting is wrong. In electing candidates to receive degrees all the resident members should be notified. None should be kept in ignorance of names presented for degrees."

A proposition to have the last four officers of the Grand Body appointed by the G. G. H. P., instead of being elected, was negatived.

Cordial votes of thanks were carried to Comp. Chapman, G. G. H. P., and Comp. Fox, G. G. Secretary, for their past services ; and the following resolutions were also carried unanimously :

*"Resolved,* That the thanks of the General Grand Chapter be, and they are, hereby heartily tendered to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and to the Royal Arch Masons of the city of Washington, for the magnificent manner in which they have entertained the members of the General Grand Chapter during the present Triennial Convocation, and to this expression of thanks we unite the assurance to our companions that we shall ever hold them in the highest estimation for their handsome and fraternal



treatment, and the unbounded hospitality of which we have been the happy recipients.

*Resolved*, That we acknowledge, with the heartiest appreciation, the kindness and courtesy with which the ladies accompanying the members of the General Grand Chapter, have been received and entertained by the ladies of Washington, and in returning thanks in behalf of the visitors, we give expression to the sentiment, that, as Washington is one of the most beautiful cities of our country, its companions the peers of any of the Royal Craft, so its ladies bear the palm among the ladies of this broad land for kindness and courtesy."

The following suggestions and directions to Chapters under dispensation are worthy of attention :

"The records of a Chapter should embrace the names and official titles of the officers present at every convocation, entered therein in order of rank, also the names of all members and visitors present at such convocations ; one *given* name of each companion present should appear in the records.

The minutes of the proceedings of every convocation should be read and approved before closing the Chapter ; the full record thereof read and adopted at the next stated convocation, and duly signed by the High Priest and Secrètary.

Petitions for degrees and affiliation can only be received at a stated convocation, and cannot be acted on by a ballot until a subsequent stated convocation ; no emergency will justify a different course.

A Chapter has power to waive jurisdiction over its material. It cannot confer that power on its principal officers, or either of them.

The Chapter may compensate the Secretary for his services, by an appropriation of its funds, but it cannot exempt him from the payment of dues on that account.

A Chapter may suspend the membership of a companion for the non-payment of dues, but only after due notice to him of such contemplated action, and a vote of the Chapter at a stated convocation.

The By-Laws of a Chapter, or any part of them, cannot be suspended temporarily by the unanimous consent of its members, or otherwise.

Balloting on petitions when commenced must be finished, and the result declared without postponement.

The dues of a member of the Chapter accrue from the date of his exaltation or affiliation.

The use of the word "Holy" as a prefix to the words "Royal Arch," is inadmissible.

A companion may withdraw from the membership of his Chapter, on giving personal or written notice of such desire and intention, at a stated convocation, provided no charges are pending against him, and his indebtedness to the Chapter is fully discharged.

Charges against a companion for unmasonic conduct must be preferred at a stated convocation of a Chapter."

The finances of the Body are in a healthy state, the receipts for the year being \$7,789.91, and the balance on hand, including the investments in U. S. bonds, \$11,408.91. An



appropriation of \$1,200.00 was made in aid of the earthquake sufferers in South Carolina.

The next Triennial Convocation will be held at Atlanta, Georgia, on the 29th October, 1889.

Among the many courtesies which were so heartily and cordially extended to the visitors by the citizens and brethren of Washington, we may mention the following: A public reception by the citizens, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge, a visit to the President, a complimentary banquet, (of which the neat and tasteful *souvenir* presented to each guest was well appreciated and will be carefully preserved), an excursion to Mount Vernon, a carriage drive around the city and suburbs, and an evening reception at the beautiful residence of Comp. Larner.

Our visit to Washington, and the exceedingly kind and fraternal attentions shown to us by Comps. McCoy, Jochum, Larner, Ross and Singleton and many others, will not soon be forgotten. We may not be able to reciprocate in kind, but all the same our warm-hearted friends in the Capital City will always have our heartiest wishes for their continued health and prosperity.

The present General Grand Officers are :

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| M. . E. . | NOBLE D. LARNER, Washington, D. C., | <i>General Grand High Priest.</i>         |
| Comp.     | DAVID F. DAY, Buffalo, N. Y.,       | <i>Deputy General Grand High Priest.</i>  |
| Comp.     | JOSEPH P. HORNOR, New Orleans, La., | <i>General Grand King.</i>                |
| Comp.     | GEORGE L. McCAHAN, Baltimore, Md.,  | <i>General Grand Scribe.</i>              |
| Comp.     | REUBEN C. LEMMON, Toledo, Ohio.,    | <i>General Grand Treasurer.</i>           |
| Comp.     | CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Buffalo, N. Y., | <i>General Grand Secretary.</i>           |
| Comp.     | BENJAMIN F. HALLER, Memphis, Tenn., | <i>General Grand Captain of the Host.</i> |
| Comp.     | ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver, Col.,    | <i>General Grand Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| Comp.     | LANSING BURROWS, Augusta, Ga.,      | <i>General Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>  |
| Comp.     | SYLVESTER S. BEAN, Creston, Iowa,   | <i>General Grand Master Third Veil.</i>   |
| Comp.     | HENRY S. ORME, Los Angeles, Cal.,   | <i>General Grand Master Second Veil.</i>  |
| Comp.     | HIRAM BASSETT, Millersburg, Ky.,    | <i>General Grand Master First Veil.</i>   |

## ALABAMA.

Sixtieth Annual Convocation, Montgomery, December 7th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. W. W. Screws, G. H. P.

On the state of Capitular Masonry in their jurisdiction he has the following remarks :

“The labors of the year have not been arduous or difficult. For this the Subordinate Chapters are entitled to the credit. The utmost harmony has prevailed, and not a single disputed point has been brought out or official ruling asked for. The companions have dwelt in peace, love, and unity.

It is useless, however, to deny that the fervency and zeal which should actuate Royal Arch Masons have in a measure abated in our jurisdiction. The same complaint is made in other States, and the aggregate number of Chapters grow less every year. There may have been many causes for this in the past, but we should bend our energies to prevent it in the future. In our own State a series of disasters have cramped the resources and somewhat lessened the hopes of the people, but let us earnestly trust that the darkest days are over, and that the sun of prosperity will hereafter illumine our pathway. Perhaps the fault lies at the fountain head, and is traceable to the failure to visit Subordinate Chapters and encourage the companions to renewed activity and interest. It was my intention to have visited the Chapters during the year just closed, but duties of overshadowing character prevented. Nothing can do more good or inspire greater interest than official visits by the Grand Officers, and if it can possibly be done, every Chapter should be visited by one of them before our next convocation. They should, however, be themselves thoroughly prepared in every particular to give instruction and impart such information as may desired.”

The proceedings are very brief.

Delinquent Chapters may now be reinstated on payment of one year's dues.

Comp. P. J. Pillans reports on correspondence and notices the proceedings of Canada for 1886.

M. E. Comp. W. W. Screws, (Montgomery), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, (Montgomery), G. S.

## ARKANSAS.

Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation, Little Rock, Nov. 25th, 1886.

Obituary notices are given of Comps. Robert E. Salle, P. G. S., Luke E. Barber, P. G. H. P., and M. M. McGuire, P. G. H. P. Comp. Barber served for ten years as Grand High Priest and was universally esteemed and beloved. He was also Grand Secretary for 21 years.

One new Chapter was formed.

M. E. Comp. James H. VanHoose, G. H. P., delivered a good address, from which we take the following decision, on the question of collecting the P. W. from those in the East :

“I was asked by a Chapter this question : Has the Captain of the Host the right to challenge the Grand Council when directed by the High Priest to purge the Chapter ?

I answered by saying that the Captain of the Host has charge of the Craft while at labor, and a part of his duty is to obey the orders of his chief and see them executed. If he knows the High Priest who is presiding to be the High Priest of that Chapter, or one who is duly qualified to preside over said Chapter, he should not challenge any Companion who may have been invited by the High Priest to sit with him in the East. It is not reasonable to suppose that the representative of Joshua, who exercised so much caution in the selection of the workmen during the building of the second temple, would himself take into his Council one whose genealogy was unknown to him, or, in other words, a Royal Arch Mason in good standing. The responsibility would be upon the High Priest, and if he took him into the Grand Council to assist him to preside, the Captain of Host, being a subordinate officer, would have no right to challenge him.”

He refused to allow the officers of a Chapter to wear their new robes out in procession on the occasion of laying a corner-stone

He thinks that every Chapter should have at least three good lodges, from which to draw their material.

The following was adopted :

“*Resolved*, That whenever any Subordinate Chapter shall deem it expedient to permanently excuse any member from the payment of dues or attendance on account of disability or indigence, it will place such member on the excused and exempted list ; and whenever any such action has been heretofore or shall be hereafter had by any Subordinate Chapter, such Chapter shall be excused from paying dues for such excused and exempted member to the Grand Chapter.”

M. E. Comp. W. W. Garland, (Morrilton), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. James A. Henry, (Little Rock), G. S.

### CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-second Annual Convocation, San Francisco, April 27th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Edward Coleman, G. H. P.

His official acts were few and his labors light. He thinks nothing promotes the fraternal zeal and emulation of the companions or keeps the fires burning so brightly on our altars, as the frequent visits of Grand Officers.

Two new Chapters were formed.

We copy his reported decisions :

“A number of questions have been asked, but as similar questions have been submitted to my predecessors and answered by them, I deem it unnecessary to again bring them to your notice, but will confine myself to two only :

1st. question.—Can the minutes of a special meeting held Nov. 12th, 1874, and approved at stated convocation, Dec. 14th, 1874, be amended at this late day ?

Answer.—You cannot amend minutes now, but you can appoint a committee to investigate the matter ; and if the records are found to be incorrect, that fact must be set forth in report of committee, and appropriate action taken by Chapter.

2nd question.—The By Laws of Chapter were amended by changing stated convocations from first to third Wednesday in each month. After being so amended and approved by the Grand High Priest, can we hold stated convocation on third Wednesday in same month ?

Answer.—Your By-Laws call for only one stated meeting in each month. You held that meeting on the first Wednesday in March. You cannot hold another in the same month. Your next stated convocation for transaction of business will be on third Wednesday in April.”

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. In his notice of Alabama, he thus supports the action of the Grand Chapter relative to a certain spurious body of the A. and A. Scottish Rite :

“We do not desire to open up this unsavory matter, for the more we stir it the more it doesn't smell good ; but as we have noticed several criticisms adverse to our action, we will briefly explain. There are certain Sovereign Masonic bodies in the United States, recognised as such, not only in this country but throughout the world. No other Masonic Grand Body, of any rite, can be established here without the concurrence of the already existing bodies of such rite, and no such concurrence having been obtained, the so-called *Supreme Council* of the United States of America was a spurious, illegal and clandestine body, calculated only to deceive the unwary, and by the cheapness of their wares and the glamour of their high-sounding titles, seduce good Masons, in whose hearts was no guile, into innocently joining their bogus institution, and thereby lining with golden coin the pockets of these *speculators*. To prevent so great a wrong and put the stamp of its disapproval upon all attempts to make merchandise of Masonry of whatever degree, our Grand Chapter forbade those of its obedience to touch the “unclean thing.” The action was by no means unprecedented for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and of at least one other State had already adopted the same measure

Suppose, for argument's sake, that certain Master Masons, claiming to be Royal Arch Masons, should club together in Alabama and by some pretended authority essay to confer the Royal Arch degree upon unsuspecting Masons who, having no idea of their real character, were persuaded that by paying a nominal fee they could become Royal Arch Masons ; would the Grand Chapter have any hesitation in asking the Grand Lodge of Alabama for aid in such an emergency ? We trow not ; and it would be the duty of the Grand Lodge to assist by its edict the suppression of such a swindling

affair. The cases are parallel, and the allusion of Comp. Pillans to the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of Honor in nowise applies to the case in point. Those orders are excellent in their peculiar sphere, more than that, they are legitimate, governed by a recognized, legal head; but they are not *Masonic*, nor do they claim to have any connection with Masonry. The concern we denounce sails under false colors and holds out fallacious inducements; therefore we believe our Grand Chapter was altogether right in taking the action it did."

Under "Connecticut," on the same subject, he says:

"If a Royal Arch Mason is a thief, shall we not denounce him? If he is a swindler, is it "harsh, uncharitable and unjust," to expose him? These men, by their lying protestations, were leading good and unsuspecting Masons astray; obtaining their money under false pretences, and while asking for bread giving them a stone. We do not think the just indignation of our Grand High Priest against these Masonic swindlers, found expression in any too severe terms, and had he characterized them as sons of Belial he would have been justified."

And also under "Oregon":

"The facts of the case are simply these: A bogus, swindling concern, purporting to be a legitimate Masonic body, was leading honest well-meaning Masons astray and defrauding them of large sums of money by their "lying deceits and vanities." In order to put a stop to this thievery and put the seal of its condemnation upon all illegitimate or clandestine Masonic Bodies, our Grand Chapter took the course it did, which is by no means a novel one, as it appears to be to our Oregon friend, the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and some of the Grand Lodges having long before made, identically, the same regulation. The Grand Chapter of California has ample precedent for its action, and will tolerate none of its obedience in aiding or encouraging any bogus, swindling, money-catching institution, purporting to be Masonic, within her jurisdiction."

Canada for 1885 receives kindly mention.

M. E. Comp. B. F. Tuttle, (Petaluma), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. T. H. Caswell, (San Francisco), G. S.

### COLORADO.

Twelfth Annual Convocation, Denver, Oct. 7th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, G. H. P.

On the state of the Craft, he says -

"I am happy to inform you that Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction is in a healthy and prosperous condition. While there has been no rapid increase of membership, the returns indicate a net gain of 77, despite the fact that the dismissions and suspensions greatly exceed those of the preceding year."

Two new Chapters were formed.

The Committee on Correspondence do not make any ex-



tended review, but confine themselves to the mention of a few of the subjects now under discussion, such as the Quebec question, the physical qualifications of Candidates, the relations of the Lodge and the Chapter and the jurisdiction of Grand Bodies. We make the following extracts:

“It is the opinion of your Committee that the question of the physical qualification of applicants for advancement to the Chapter Degree should be left to the same tribunal that determines their moral and intellectual ones—that is, the Chapter to which the application is made. \* \* \*

The investigation and discussion by the Committee resulting in the presentation of this resolution, participated in as it was by some of the brightest intellects to be found within the veils of our mystic temple, have, in the opinion of your Committee, resulted in the thorough, complete and authoritative vindication of the doctrine that the Chapter is a legitimate branch of Freemasonry, and that the secrets of the Holy Royal Arch are essential to the complete and thorough understanding of the teachings of our Masonic system of education. \* \* \*

The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters to determine what so-called Masonic degrees are legitimate, and entitled to recognition as such, is a subject which has not yet ceased to agitate the Masonic world. Several Grand Bodies have assumed to exercise the jurisdiction, but their right to do so has met with vigorous denial at some points, and adverse criticism at others. In the opinion of your Committee, while it is our duty to whisper good counsel in the ear of our brethren and companions, and to dispense what we conceive to be true Masonic light to our less informed brethren, yet the right of any Grand Body to dictate to its members concerning the organizations with which they may or may not unite, is, to say the least, questionable. If our neighbor sees fit to invest his money in a shoddy coat, there is no law by which we can prevent him from doing so, even though we may feel sure that an “all wool” garment would be a better investment. If any of our Masonic companions see fit to purchase the wares of some Masonic charlatan who peddles so called Masonic Degrees at the low rate of 90 for \$15, we see no reason why the Grand Chapter should assume to interfere, so long as there is no pretense of vending anything upon which it has an exclusive patent. The chances are that he pays all that the article is worth even at that price, at any rate ‘he pays his money and he takes his choice.’”

M. E. Comp. Christopher C. Gird, (Denver), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Ed. C. Parmelee, (Pueblo), G. S.

### CONNECTICUT.

Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation, Hartford, May 11th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. James McCormick, G. H. P.

On the question of Pecuniary Benefit for release of jurisdiction, he very properly says :

“In this connection I desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapter



to the fact that occasionally a release of jurisdiction is refused, unless part of the fees received are paid to the Chapter releasing.

I do not believe that exclusive jurisdiction over certain territory was granted to Chapters for their pecuniary benefit alone.

I think candidates for the degrees should never be bartered or sold, and that a release of jurisdiction should never be asked or granted, coupled with a pecuniary consideration. Perhaps it may be wise to forbid this practice."

Each of the officers of the Grand Council submitted reports, showing the condition of the Chapters they had been assigned to visit.

The following resolutions were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That Chapters in this jurisdiction are prohibited from granting release of jurisdiction except as a free voluntary act, without any monetary consideration whatever."

"That the Chapters of this jurisdiction be instructed to adopt the same mode of giving the D. G. of M. M. as adopted by the Grand Lodge of this State."

The *per capita* tax was increased from 20c. to 25c.

Comp. John H. Barlow reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1885.

M. E. Comp. James McCormick, (Hartford), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, (Hartford), G. S.

#### DAKOTA.

Second Annual Convocation, Bismark, June 7th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. William Blatt, G. H. P.

He reports the Craft in a most flourishing condition. Six new Chapters were formed. Their finances are in good order. Their formation has been recognized by most of the Grand Chapters on this continent.

R. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford was duly commissioned as their representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The following resolutions were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That we fully uphold the position taken by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in claiming and exercising sovereign jurisdiction over the degrees of the Chapters throughout the Province.

Further, we recommend the approval of the commissions issued to our Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters, and that the commissions of said representatives expire immediately after each Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, the present ones remaining in force until after the Triennial Convocation in 1889.

Comp. Thomas J. Wilder submits a very good report on correspondence, in which fraternal mention is made of our proceedings of 1885.

On the subject of physical qualifications, he says :

“We know of but one rule to govern in all such cases. Can the brother conform to all the requirements of the degrees? If so, enough. Physical qualification has long been a bone of contention among Masons, How often have we seen them reject men who possessed every mental and moral qualification which the most conservative could ask for because of some slight blemish to the hand, eye or foot, while some half-fledged counter jumper, without a single mental qualification and hardly sense enough to part his hair, or if he did, part it in the middle, and was of no more use to the fraternity than a duck's wings are to an angel, received with open arms, made a Mason (if such could be), and after donning a big square and compass exhibit himself to the world as a representative of an institution which should be in the hands of men and not under the control of simpletons. Ours is an organization which does not need numbers, there are too many now, of some kinds we have. We want men ; men with souls as well as bodies ; men of brains, education and ability, in whose hands the institution will continue to be what it now is, and what we trust always will be, the grandest and best in the world for the purpose for which it was designed. Then once for all, let us settle this question as before intimated, by receiving among our numbers such men only as are possessed of manhood, education and ability, with such physical qualifications as will enable them properly to conform to our rules and regulations.”

M. E. Comp. Peter Pickton, (Fargo), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Wilder, (Casselton), G. S.

### DELAWARE.

Nineteenth Annual Convocation, Wilmington, January 19th, 1887.

M. E. Comp. W. C. Baggerly, G. H. P.

These proceedings are very brief, and call for no special comment. There are only three Chapters, all in Wilmington, and they return 15 exaltations and 275 members.

M. E. Comp. W. C. Baggerly, (Wilmington), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. James H. Price, (Wilmington), G. S.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Twentieth Annual Convocation, Washington, December 8th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. George E. Corson, G. H. P.

After the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, M. E. Comp. Noble D. Larner, General Grand High Priest, entered the Grand Chapter, was received with the honors due his exalted

position, and cordially greeted by the Grand High Priest, to which Comp. Larner appropriately responded.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his annual address, which is an able document, evincing genuine love for the Craft and ability and earnestness in the discharge of his official duties.

The most important event of the year was the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, in September. All who were present will cheerfully acknowledge the fraternal kindness and assiduous attention shown to the visitors by the companions of Washington.

From the report of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, Comp. John Lockie, we take the following:

“As directed by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, I have had the honor to instruct the Chapters and the respective officers thereof in the work and lectures of Capitular Masonry during the present year, which has been one of great interest and prosperity in this jurisdiction. Much laudable ambition has been manifested in the several Chapters, as to which could best work and best agree; and a result of this noble emulation perceptible advancement has been made towards a still higher appreciation of the beautiful, the sublime and the ineffable. With such a condition of affairs we found ourselves surrounded on the 28th of September last, when the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America assembled in Triennial Convocation in this city. Among the many features of interest presented on that memorable occasion was the exaltation of a team by Columbia Chapter, but not as a Chapter, for the officers, who, without exception, elicited commendation and praise, from the East, West, North and South, represented the entire jurisdiction, and most nobly did they perform their work, even to the most minute detail thereof, thus assisting to complete the proudest page in the history of Capitular Masonry in the District of Columbia, and one to which our children's children may point with both pleasure and pride.”

It was ordered that the degrees might be conferred without charge, upon officiating clergymen not engaged in any secular employment.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. William R. Singleton, and notices Canada for 1886. The following remarks are instructive:

“No reflecting man can pass through the Royal Arch Degree ceremonies and receive the “higher mysteries” therein contained, without being more forcibly impressed with the truths of religion as contained in the Bible than in any other manner. We do not hesitate to affirm that every clergyman, who has thus been initiated into those mysteries, will confess that he has been enabled to rise to a higher and more accurate conception of the God-head than he ever had before. In the culmination is the “*point d'appui*,” not only of the Jewish and Christian religion, but of

the religions and philosophies of all the nations of the Orient which preceded them. In India, in Egypt, in the Eleusinia, and all other Mystic Rites, the Postulant received from the Hierophant, after having passed through the higher mystic ceremonials, *that* by which he would be enabled to travel in foreign countries, make himself known as an *Epopt*, a Master; and no Mason at this day even, can properly call himself or be called a Master Mason who has not received those mysteries known only to a Master. Those mysteries never were indiscriminately given to the Craft, but were only communicated to those who had been made presiding Masters over a Lodge. When the Master's part was made a degree to follow the E. A. and F. C. then the secrets of the Master Mason were taken from the third degree and only received after the Master became a Past Master. In time, through the introduction of the R. A. degree by Ramsay, and its continuation, somewhat modified, by Dermott, among the Lodges of the "Ancients," the ritual was so arranged as to become an appendage of the Master's part, and in England to this day, and in the United States until Chapters were organized, the Excellent Super Excellent Royal Arch Degree was given in a Chapter under the charter of the Lodge. The present R. A. System has proved to be beneficial. In England the King is the first officer, the High Priest is the third. In the United States the religious sentiment has inverted that order, and as our ritual is so different in its "culmination," we are decidedly of the opinion that the change, although not according to history, is nevertheless judicious, because, who should be better qualified than the High Priest of the Most High God to give those explanations and instructions contained in our liturgy?"

M. E. Comp. W. G. Powers, (1633 Conn. Ave. N. W.)  
G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. L. G. Stephens. (Masonic Temple). G. S.

### ENGLAND.

#### GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Half-yearly Communication was held at the Holborn Restaurant on the first day of December, 1885.

M. W. Bro. the Earl of Kintore, G. M. M. M.

The following extracts are from the Report of the General Board :

"The number of certificates issued in the half-year ending 30th September last was 680, a large increase on similar periods in previous years. The total number of registered advancements being now 20,876. During the same period, 5 warrants for new lodges were granted, viz :

|         |            |   |   |             |
|---------|------------|---|---|-------------|
| No. 356 | Dunelm     | . | . | Durham.     |
| " 357   | Chiswick   | . | . | Kew Bridge. |
| " 358   | Finnemore  | . | . | Natal.      |
| " 359   | Excelsior  | . | . | Liverpool.  |
| " 360   | St. Eilian | . | . | Amlwch.     |

In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, the number of certificates issued was 89, bringing the total Registered Elevations to 1,886.

A warrant for a New Ark Lodge has been granted to Finnemore Lodge, Natal, attached to Finnemore No. 358. \* \* \* \* \*

On the application of the Secretary of the Russell Lodge, No. 23, the Board agreed to condone the irregularity in the installation of W. M., and to recommend Grand Lodge to confirm Bro. John T. Williams in the rank and privileges of P. M., notwithstanding he had not completed the full term of twelve months, on payment of a nominal fine of half-a-guinea.

The returns of Picton Castle Lodge, No. 297, have been laid before the Board, wherein the rank and privileges of P. M. are claimed for Bro. John James, who had not occupied the chair for the full term twelve months. The Board having carefully considered the whole of the circumstances connected with the case, recommend Grand Lodge to confirm Bro. John James in the rank and privileges of P. M., on payment of a fine of two guineas.

The W. M. of the King Charles the Martyr Lodge, No. 267, informed the Board that in his installation he had unconsciously violated Art. 64, page 13, Book of Constitutions, not having been qualified as W. M. of a Craft Lodge, and, through ignorance, not having procured the necessary dispensation; at the same time expressing his deep regret at having committed a breach of the Constitutions. The Board recommended the M. W. Grand Master to issue a special dispensation to cover the irregularity, on payment of a fine of one guinea.

The Board having been informed that the W. M. elect of Lebanon Lodge, No. 325, had been installed without the presence of a P. M., cancelled the so-called installation, and directed that the outgoing W. M. should continue in office until his successor is legally installed.

The Seventeenth Annual Festival of the "Mark Benevolent Fund" was celebrated at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, 22nd July last, under the presidency of R. W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. G. M. of Cheshire, whose efforts, aided by 86 brethren and 1 lady, acting as Stewards, the most numerous Board yet constituted in support of the Fund, resulted in the subscription of £1,721 16s. 6d., more than double the largest amount ever previously received.

In consequence of this success the Board have been enabled to admit without election the whole of the candidates for Educational Grants, and in accordance with the desire of a large number of brethren, recommend Grand Lodge to sanction the establishment of a fund for granting annuities to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons and their widows, and that such fund should be constituted by a grant of £1,000 from the invested fund of benevolence, £105 specially given by Lord Egerton, of Tatton, and one-third of all amounts subscribed at the last and future Benevolent Festivals. The Board further recommend that all monies so received should be invested, and the interest only be appropriated for the purposes of the fund, it being proposed, as a beginning, to grant an annuity of £20 to each of two men, and £16 to each of two widows—to be elected by ballot.

The Board recommend the vote of £52 10s. to the Preparatory School of the Royal Masonic Institution for boys, enabling Grand Lodge to obtain the special voting privileges offered by that Institution.

The Board have ordered the Investment of £500 on account of the Educational Fund, and £300 on account of the Benevolent Fund, making the total Invested Funds as follows:

|                   |           |        |   |   |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|---|---|
| General Fund,     | . . . . . | £2,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Benevolent Fund,  | . . . . . | 2,300  | 0 | 0 |
| Educational Fund, | . . . . . | 1,900  | 0 | 0 |



The receipt of the Proceedings of Several Grand Chapters, including Canada, is acknowledged, as well as a letter on the Quebec difficulty, couched in the most fraternal and courteous terms, from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, in which, while fully appreciating the difficulties of the case, they offer their assistance in their arrangement."

On June 1st, 1886, the General Board reported as follows :

"In submitting their report to Grand Lodge, the Board feel justified in prominently alluding to the election of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales as M. W. Grand Master, an event which cannot fail to exercise a very important influence on the interests of the Order. While in no way involving the possibility of a recognition of the Mark Degree as an essential portion of Ancient Freemasonry—from which position it is absolutely debarred by the articles of union, of 1813—the fact of having at its head the Illustrious Prince, who occupies a similar distinguished position as the supreme head of English Craft Masonry, is sufficient proof that there is nothing inconsistent in the principles of the Mark Degree with the principles of Craft Masonry.

The number of Certificates issued during the six months to 31st March last is 781, the total number of registered members being 21,657.

In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner the certificates issued during the same period are 72, the total number of members on the register being 1,958. Warrants for Mark Lodges have been issued :

|         |            |           |                                 |
|---------|------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| No. 361 | Onslow,    | . . . . . | London.                         |
| " 362   | Wouldhave, | . . . . . | South Shields, Durham.          |
| " 363   | Ruspini,   | . . . . . | London.                         |
| " 364   | Gordon,    | . . . . . | Gravesend, Kent.                |
| " 365   | Hesperus,  | . . . . . | Bourke, River Darling, N. S. W. |
| " 366   | Hertford,  | . . . . . | Hertford.                       |

Warrants for Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners. Calthorpe, attached to Mark Lodge Albert, 270, Gwalior. Prince of Wales to Mark Lodge Prince of Wales, 4, London \* \* \* \* \*

The relations between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and this Grand Lodge remain in *statu quo*. Those relations are, however, unhappily affected in no inconsiderable degree by the hostile action taken by the authorities in Quebec and by Grand Chapters of the United States against the United Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, of which bodies all Mark Master Masons under this jurisdiction are members. While this Grand Lodge, in common with the other Supreme Bodies in Great Britain and Ireland, is unable to concur in the American theory of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, as contrary to ancient landmarks, and to historical fact, it absolutely disclaims all right to interfere with the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters of the United States. And as regards the Grand Chapter of Quebec, it has every desire that some *modus vivendi* should be found by which an amicable arrangement of the points in dispute may be arrived at."

On July 1st, 1886, a Special Grand Lodge was held, with a very large attendance, at which the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Mark Master Mason.

Bro. F. Binckes is Grand Secretary.



## FLORIDA.

Fortieth Annual Convocation, Jacksonville, January 18th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Wm. E. Anderson, G. H. P. reports a renewal of interest which promises good results. One new chapter was formed.

A fire which destroyed the office of the Grand Secretary has caused the serious loss to the Grand Chapter of nearly all its property, books and stationery. The manuscript records were fortunately saved.

M. E. Comp. Angus Paterson, (Madison,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. DeWitt C. Dawkins, (Jacksonville,) G. S.

## GEORGIA.

Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation, Macon, April 28th, 1886.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. A. M. Wolihin, we take the following :

“It affords me pleasure to announce to you that peace and harmony prevail among our Subordinate Chapters, so far as I have been able to ascertain, and that the Order is in a prosperous and flourishing condition, though our numbers may not have materially increased ; for, as more than one of my illustrious predecessors have said, “It is not in numbers that our strength lies.” No, my Companions, it is in the *good moral* qualities of those who apply and are admitted. Do not be satisfied with the fact that we know nothing very bad against the applicant, but satisfy ourselves first that he is good and upright, and that he is such a man as will reflect some credit on Royal Arch Masonry ; let him know that he will be expected to labor for the good of his fellow-man ; above all, make him understand fully that one of our cardinal virtues is temperance, and that we will not tolerate the drunken and dissolute. Tell him that he must “let prudence direct him, temperance chasten him, and justice be the guide of all his actions.” Do this, and in a short time our Royal Craft will be restored to its former greatness, when the moral force of the Masonic obligation was alone sufficient to secure obedience to all the requirements, and enable us to feel that it is a great honor and distinction in society to be hailed and recognized as a Freemason. We cannot be too zealous in our punishment of *drunk nness* and profanity. Let us succeed in correcting these evils, then we shall have done some good to ourselves and our country.”

The following constitutional amendment was adopted :

“*Resolved*, That Section 7 of Article II., of the Grand Constitution, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following clause, to-wit : *Provided*, The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall have authority, in emergency, to be judged of by him, to grant his dispensation, allowing Subordinate Chapters to receive and ballot upon applications for membership at one and the same Convocation.”

A motion to revive the Committee on Correspondence was lost ; also, a motion to make the Grand High Priest do the work of that Committee.

M. E. Comp. J. W. Taylor, (Luthersville), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Blackshear, (Macon), G. S.

Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation, Atlanta, April 27th, 1887.

M. E. Comp. James W. Taylor, G. H. P.

He reports the outlook very flattering and the signs for the future, propitious. "Old Chapters are being revived, old members enthused, new ones espousing the cause, and waste places being built up." We copy his decisions :

"*First.* Can a By-Law providing for a ballot before conferring each Degree be enforced, or, does one ballot cover the application for all the Degrees ?

*Held.* That one ballot covers the application for all the Degrees.

*Second.* Has a Chapter sufficient jurisdiction over a candidate who has been elected to, but received none of the Degrees, to bring him to trial for unmasonic conduct ?

*Held.* A Mason cannot be tried in a Degree to which he has not attained. The Chapter can refuse him the Degrees and report him to the Blue Lodge to which he belongs.

*Third.* Is a communication from a Blue Lodge under seal necessary to properly bring before a Chapter the suspension or exclusion of a Royal Arch Mason from their Lodge ?

*Held.* That the duties of a Secretary of a Blue Lodge ceases with the action of his Lodge. Any reliable information relative to the action of the Lodge will be sufficient for the Chapter to act in the premises.

*Fourth.* What course should a Chapter pursue in case of a Companion having been suspended or excluded from his Lodge ?

*Held.* The action of the Lodge should be ratified by the Chapter. A Chapter cannot inflict a lesser penalty than that inflicted by the Lodge, but if in its judgment the penalty is not sufficient, the Chapter may, under charges and specifications, inflict a greater penalty."

On visitations, he says :

"In the Chapters that I have visited there seems to be a stronger desire for more Masonic light than usual, and among the additions to our Order a higher grade of morals and intellect. Chapters are purging themselves of unworthy members who never contribute anything to the cause, morally, financially or intellectually. This is as it should be, and we exhort you to go on in the good work and give us an unadulterated brotherhood."

And on foreign relations :

"Our relations with other jurisdictions are in perfect harmony as far as I can ascertain. Having but recently received the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, I have not had the time or enjoyed the pleasure to give

them as thorough examination as I would like to have done, but enough to know that our failure to revive our Committee on Foreign Correspondence receives some criticism, and much regret felt by the absence of such report.

I hope you will pardon the liberty of trying to impress on your minds the value of importance of such committee to the Craft.

Fraternal intercourse tends to strengthen the tie that binds together, and if fraternal friendship is good in part, it is good in the whole. The Subordinate Chapters would hail with delight a Report on Foreign Correspondence in our printed Proceedings."

The following resolutions were adopted :

"WHEREAS, Fraternal communication between the jurisdiction of the several Grand Chapters composing the General Grand Chapter of this country, is conducive of more kindly fraternity of feeling between these several sections, and tends to unite and cement more closely the Royal Craft ; and,

WHEREAS, The labors of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence tends strongly to bring about and perpetuate these desired ends ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint annually a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who shall report, from year to year, on the proceedings of such Grand Chapters as may be in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Body.

*Resolved*, That a Standing Committee of five be appointed at this Convocation to make and conduct suitable arrangements for the proper entertainment of the session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to be held in Atlanta in October, 1889 ; and, also, that they be instructed to request of the Grand Council of the General Grand Chapter that the time of meeting be so changed as not to conflict with the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Georgia."

M. E. Comp. James W. Taylor, (Luthersville), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. A. M. Wolihin, (Macon), G. S.

## ILLINOIS.

Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation, Chicago, Oct. 28th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. John O'Neill, G. H. P.

Three new Chapters were formed.

E. Comp. Archibald McLellan, presented his credentials as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and was received and accredited with the usual honors.

In the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we find the following modifications of some of the decisions of the Grand High Priest. This report was adopted :

"No. two is :

'Can a Chapter that has lost its Charter by fire or otherwise open,

close and transact business in regular form without a dispensation from the Grand High Priest?

‘Yes. A Chapter chartered and constituted by and under authority of Grand Chapter does not lose any of its powers granted by the loss or destruction of its Charter by fire or otherwise. The document lost is only a certified copy of the Act of Incorporation by the Grand Chapter and signed by its proper officers, and can be replaced upon application to the Grand High Priest, under Section 50 of the Grand Chapter By-Laws.’

“Your Committee are of the opinion that the actual possession of the Charter or Warrant of Dispensation is necessary, while it may be conceded that a Chapter loses no rights or powers by the loss of that instrument by fire or otherwise, yet, until the issuance and delivery of a duplicate or a Dispensation from the Grand High Priest authorizing the Chapter to meet and work, all its rights and powers are held in abeyance.

“We recommend that this decision be not approved.” \* \* \*

“On June 11th I received a letter from Companion E. E. Howard, Secretary of Joliet Chapter No. 27, stating that charges were pending against a member of said Chapter for disobedience of summons. Time for trial was set for June 21, 1886. Since charges were preferred, the Companion had been suspended in his Lodge for non-payment of dues. Must all proceedings stop?

‘After due consideration I come to the conclusion that the only way to meet the case was to lift the disability. I therefore issued an order lifting the disability for the evening of trial only. I have since learned that action was deferred in this case until the Companion was reinstated in his Lodge.’

“Under the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest had no authority to ‘lift the disability.’

“Your Committee are of the opinion that, under the common law of Masonry, the Chapter can proceed, by a Committee, to try the accused for an offense greater than that for which he had been suspended by his Lodge.” \* \* \*

“No. seventeen is:

‘What should be the form of a committee’s report on the petition of an applicant for the Chapter degrees? Should it be made to the H. P. only, or in writing to the secretary, and entered of record?’

‘The report of the committee can be made orally to the H. P., or in open Chapter, or by signature on the back of the petition. When made to the H. P. or in open Chapter, the Committee should say: Your committee, appointed on the petition of Bro. ———, have faithfully discharged the duty assigned to them.’ If in writing on the back of the petition, the signature of each member of the committee is evidence that they have performed the duty; at no time will the committee report favorable or unfavorable. The secretary will enter of record that the committee appointed on the petition of Bro. ——— have reported.’

“We are of opinion that the report of the Committee must be in writing, signed by the Committee and read in open Chapter, and embody the result of their investigations, and their recommendations as to granting or not granting the prayer of their petitioner.”

The following resolutions were laid over :

*Resolved*, That each subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction forthwith provide themselves with a book of marks, and all Royal Arch Masons, members of Chapters in this jurisdiction, who have not already adopted and recorded marks are required to do so at once. Be it further

*Resolved*, That no subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall confer the Degree of Royal Arch Mason upon any Brother who has not adopted and recorded his mark in the Chapter book of marks."

A large amount of local business was transacted.

There were no grievances or appeals.

The following report was adopted by a rising vote :

"The undersigned committee appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy with Excellent Companion T. T. Gurney in his recent sore affliction, respectfully present the following:

*Resolved*, That our heart-felt sympathy is now extended to Ex. Comp. Gurney and his family, accompanied with our earnest prayers for his safe recovery, and commending him and them to the same Great Father, to whom, for many years, we, with our suffering companion, have often joined in prayer."

The death of Comp. Gurney, since the meeting of the Grand Chapter, has cast a gloom of sadness over the brethren in Illinois. He was about the best beloved of their leaders, able, intelligent, kind-hearted, genial, and a lover of the whole Craft, wheresoever dispersed. He was well known in Canada, and deservedly esteemed and respected. Many of our Companions will recall his visit to our Grand Bodies in Windsor, in July last, and will deeply regret his decease. We tender our fraternal sympathy to our Companions in Illinois.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. John M. Pearson. In his notices of Canada for 1884 and 1885, he says :

"For some reason unknown we have reports for two years from our very much extended neighbor. It almost takes away one's breath to read on one page reports from Manitoba and on the next page learn something from New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Isle. while the Grand Chapter of Quebec stands between. We must believe our Companions of Ontario have inherited the well-known English faculty of governing distant provinces, or some of these "far-away" Companions would have set up for themselves a Grand Chapter. But so well have they managed family matters that, so far, only one daughter Quebec, has set up independent housekeeping, and we all have welcomed her, and we in Illinois propose to stand by her, and have said so, and this both for her own sake and for the sake of her mother.

Annual Convocation finds in each year about sixty Chapters out of about ninety represented.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is excellent,—no debt, and funds profitably invested. There is evidence of some weakness among



the subordinates, but, if the whole truth were told, we would find such evidence in all our jurisdictions.

We believe from experience and observation that it is better to nurse those weak Chapters and wait for growth than to summarily decapitate them. Chapters are now in existence in Illinois, and doing good work, whose charters might have been recalled years ago under strict construction of law.

At an early day in the development of our State it could not be surely known where Chapters were needed, and some mistakes were made, and perhaps the Companions in Canada have done the same. Courage and faithful work on the part of these Chapters and the natural growth of the country will cure all that."

On our proposed life-membership plan, he says :

"Such life-memberships have done harm in our Order. The Subordinate Chapters, receiving the commuted dues in one lump, are apt to be more extravagant with a full treasury for a short time, and in times of depression, such as we all occasionally experience, will suffer for the 'necessaries of life' without the means to obtain them. Our advice would be to make no such contracts with our membership."

Comp. Pearson then reviews our proceeding for 1886, and thus starts off :

"The excessive activity of Companion David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., gives us the proceedings of this Grand Chapter three weeks after closing.

We had already gone through '84 and '85, and said our say, and now comes this last in the very hot days of August. Well, well, we are glad to see you. We understand you met in Windsor, July 16th, and had fifty-seven of your family around you out of a possible ninety-two—'dead and detained' was excuse for the balance. We understand that the Mayor and Town Council welcomed you to their 'little frontier town,' and that you had a good time. May you have many such."

A prominent feature of this volume is the enormous amount of statistical matter, presented in four large tabulated statements of facts and figures in the history of all the Subordinate Chapters from their organization. The preparation of these tables must have taken a great deal of time and patient labor, and the Craft in Illinois are much indebted to the Grand High Priest for his zeal and energy in this matter ; the wonder is how he found time to attend to his official duties so well and also to compile these extensive tables.

M. E. Comp. Geo. W. Curtiss, (Peoria), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Gil. W. Barnard, (78 Monroe St., Chicago),  
G. S.



## INDIANA.

Forty-first Annual Convocation, Indianapolis, Oct. 20th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Mortimer Nye, G. H. P.

Seventy-four out of eighty-one Chapters were represented.

One new Chapter was formed.

Comp. Nye decided that the Grand Chapter was not liable for the debts of a Subordinate Chapter, and this decision was approved.

A reprint of the early proceedings of the Grand Chapter, was ordered, as soon as there are funds on hand for that purpose.

An appropriation was asked for the relief of a Past Grand High Priest, who, through physical infirmity, had become unable to work, and was in indigent circumstances.

The Committee on Claims, to whom the application was referred, reported

“That in its opinion it is the duty of resident companions to aid and assist the distressed companion. We further believe that it is not the duty of Grand Bodies to afford relief, but the duty of subordinates.”

This report was concurred in. On a previous page, we find that 97 companions present voted themselves \$3 per day, mileage amounting to \$1,431.10. It were better, we think, to cut down the mileage and *per diem* allowances and have some funds on hand for charitable purposes.

A righteous act was done by the Grand Chapter in the prompt expulsion of Benjamin F. Dawson, of Angola, a Past Grand High Priest, for gross intoxication during the session. On the morning after the occurrence, the fact was stated in Grand Chapter, a committee was thereupon appointed to investigate, and if found well-founded, to prefer charges. This was done the same day and the accused appeared and pleaded guilty, without a valid mitigating excuse. He was then expelled and notice ordered to be sent to the Chapter of which he was a member.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Thomas B. Long. Canada for 1886 is noticed. In his review of Dakota, Comp. Long has the following argument on the “voluntary” question:

“In answer to the position of the writer that, as becoming a Mason must be, and is, an entirely voluntary act, so, continuance of membership

should be also a voluntary matter, and the member should have the absolute right to withdraw whenever he saw proper to notify his lodge or chapter of his intention so to do, provided he was "clear of the books," and no charges were pending against him, and no notice was given that charges would be preferred, and time asked for their preparation, he says:

'We say emphatically, he should not. Let us see: Mr. A. petitions a lodge to become a member; the lodge elects him, he pays his money, they confer the degrees, the contract is signed, sealed, and delivered by both parties. Can either party break that contract without the consent of the other? Not unless by due process of law.'

According to even his statement the contract is fully consummated when 'he pays his money' and 'they confer the degrees.' What does he petition for? Membership? No. He petitions for the degrees. Membership follows his receiving them, as an incident, but this does not attach until the moment the last degree is attained, and that moment the original contract between him and the body who has received his money is consummated and ended. A new and implied contract follows this, the contract to pay dues, and discharge other duties incident to membership; but if he should decline to enter into this new contract, or decline to continue it at any subsequent time, and say that he desired to waive or surrender the consideration for it, namely, such membership, it would be abhorrent to the fundamental principles of Masonry to endeavor to compel him to remain a member.

The laws of the several Grand Bodies of Masonry are doubtless alike in all the jurisdictions. These show that the contract of the petitioner is for the degrees, and not for membership. The law of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is: 'The fee for the degrees shall be not less than twenty dollars.'

The law of the Grand Chapter of this State is: 'No Chapter shall confer the degrees \* \* \* for a less sum than twenty dollars.'

Of the Grand Council: 'No Council shall confer the degrees \* \* \* upon any one for a sum less than six dollars.'

Of the Grand Commandery: "No Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than twenty-five dollars."

It would in principle be as bad as negro slavery, or Russian serfdom was, if one should be compelled forever to remain a member of a particular chapter, when he might have the most overwhelming personal reasons for desiring to sever such membership. The law Companion Wilder contends for would—or might, which is the same in principle—inaugurate a system of tyranny, and robbery as well, that would be as disgraceful as the bitterest of wrongs of the darkest of ages; because, if he could be compelled, against his wish and consent, to remain a member and pay dues under the menace and fact of impending disgrace, should he refuse, every cent received from him would be money extorted by duress, little less wicked than the usual threat of the highwayman."

On the proposed mediation of Pennsylvania and Oregon in the Quebec-England difficulty, we fully agree with Comp. Long in the following:

"It is the opinion of the writer hereof—and this opinion is based upon a full knowledge of the untiring efforts of Quebec to secure justice in the past—that the great old commonwealth of Pennsylvania will become the

youngest of the sisterhood of States, and the vigorous young State of Oregon will become the mother of the entire confederation, before the Grand Mark Lodge of England will submit the arbitration of its present preposterous claims to either of these willing mediators."

M. E. Comp. Christian Fetta, (Snow Hill), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John M. Bramwell, (Indianapolis), G. S.

### IOWA.

Thirty-third Annual Convocation, Des Moines, October 20th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. S. S. Bean, G. H. P., visited quite a number of Subordinate Chapters and found them in a prosperous condition.

One new Chapter was formed.

In the very able and excellent address of Comp. Bean, we find the following :

#### QUALIFICATIONS.

"I am of the opinion that it would be far better for the advancement of our noble Order if this Grand Chapter would enact a regulation requiring the candidate to make himself absolutely proficient in all the lectures up to and including the O. B's. of each degree as he advances ; and in no case should he be advanced until he has exhibited such proficiency in open lodge to the entire satisfaction of its members.

What is needed is more intelligence, or we might, perhaps, say, a more thorough comprehension of the real meaning of the several degrees as they are exemplified. Without this course, or some other, and I cannot think of any that would be as good, it seems impossible to keep up that interest in Capitular Masonry that the sublime Order is entitled to. We are making Royal Arch Masons too rapidly ; making a half-dozen in one short evening. The available material is soon worked up, the timber all gone, and what have we left ? Nothing but a charter, a poor weak puny organization—all interest lost, hard to get a quorum to hold an annual election, very hard to induce any one to accept office who is capable to fill it, and finally a surrender to the Grand Chapter the entire remnants. On the other hand, what great amount of good have we accomplished ? Echo answers : Have we, do you think, done our duty as Royal Arch Masons ? Yes, says one ; we have done all we agreed to do. To be sure we have, in a legal sense ; but how is it morally, have we made intelligent Royal Arch Masons ? Can one-tenth of them prove themselves as such in a strange country ?

#### ELECTIONEERING FOR OFFICE.

This has become one of the most serious of evils, notwithstanding it is strictly forbidden by the regulations of Ancient Craft Masonry. No sooner has the companion signed the Constitution and By-Laws (in some cases), than the inordinate strife for office begins. He is not content to wait until the office shall look for a companion to fill it, and allow his "modesty to bespeak his merit," but, prompted by egotism, he unblushingly and officiously thrusts himself forward as a candidate, possibly for the most exalted office

in the gift of his companions, and no doubt frequently jostles aside the more meritorious and earnest craftsman.

As a rule, such a companion will sooner or later—and long before he has become conversant with the first principles of the science he has taken upon himself to teach—arrive at the goal of his ambition. He finds, when it is too late, that he has neither influence nor Masonic ability, and cannot secure the co-operation of his companions to aid him in the discharge of the many and various duties of the office he has indirectly, at least, ought for and obtained.

If this trafficking in office shall continue, the fate of the Chapter is soon told; instead of being a place for the dissemination of light and knowledge—a school for the teaching of those grand historical truths which can be made, if properly delineated by skillful workmen, very impressive, it is very often converted into a common debating society, where “Roberts’ Rules of Order” or “Jefferson’s Manual” are more frequently quoted in the government of the Chapter than the regulations of the Order.

When it is too late, some of the old and more reliable members may perhaps endeavor to avert the disaster with which they are about to be overwhelmed. But the egotistical rulers will stiffen their necks and harden their hearts in defiance of the warning of the fathers of the institution which they are about to cast into the deep gulf of ruin.

#### DECISIONS.

*Question.* When charges are pending in the Blue Lodge against a companion, and the Chapter has knowledge of the fact, can a dimit be lawfully granted such companion while under such charges?

*Answer.* No; a companion while under charges occupies such a status that no Chapter could consistently issue a dimit of good standing, or recommend the Companion to others.

*Question.* Can a Royal Arch Mason taking his dimit and not depositing it in any other Chapter for membership be deprived of membership in the Chapter from which the dimit was granted?

*Answer.* When a companion receives a dimit from the Chapter in which he has been holding membership, the moment the dimit is granted, that moment his connection ceases as a member; he has no more rights or privileges therein than any other non-affiliate; and in order to renew his membership it is necessary for him to petition the Chapter in the form prescribed by the Constitution or Regulations of the Order; it makes no difference whether it be the Chapter he dimitted from, or any other, the same rule must be observed.

If the companion be rejected, he can renew his petition at a subsequent stated Convocation of the same Chapter, but no other.

*Question.* Is it legal to open or close a Chapter at a stated Convocation without form? Is it legal for a High Priest to announce a Chapter opened or closed without form?

*Answer.* No; to say the least, it would not be regular; our Constitution and By-Laws may be silent on this subject, but ancient usage and regulations are not. We, as Royal Arch Masons, are governed by the same rules and regulations, as far as they will apply, especially in the absence of a different rule. No well-informed Master of a Symbolic Lodge would entertain such an innovation.

If I mistake not, we have all been impressed with a lesson relative to

such irregularity in disposing in a hurry of regular business, in one of the Degrees of our Chapter.

The higher Degrees may be regarded as the development of the Symbolic, which is the foundation of the entire system of York Masonry ; hence my mind is clear on this point, that a Lodge or Chapter should always be opened and closed in form.

The following question I believe to be of some importance in making a correct and truthful record of a Lodge or Chapter. I give the substance of the communication received :

*Question.* " We have been directed to record the names of the elected officers, when they are present, as occupying their proper stations, whether they did or not. This appears to be somewhat anomalous, when in fact they did not occupy them, but they were filled by others ; and should a presiding officer direct the record to be so made when it is not a true record in fact ?

*Answer.* I am still of the opinion that " truth is mighty above all things ;" facts are what a Masonic record should show, and nothing more.

The following communication, asking for my opinion, has been received, and I give it in full, and also my answer. The correspondent says :

" I write to gain information in regard to an objection made to a candidate who was elected to take the Degrees in our Chapter. The objector's words are : ' I understand this man is not straight, he is crooked, and I object to his going any farther.'

" I asked him why he objected ; he says on account of his not being straight.

" *Question.* Is this objection now the property of the Chapter, or is it to be considered private.

" J. F."

*Answer.* If the objections were made privately to the High Priest, as contemplated by Section 15 of Article II. of the Constitution, with the intention to exact the right guaranteed to all Royal Arch Masons, I cannot construe by your communication any reason why the objection is not entitled to recognition by the High Priest alone ; and the Chapter has no right even to know by whom the objection was made any more than if the objection had been made known through a negative ballot when voting upon a candidate's petition."

The report of the Grand Lecturer, Comp. D. S. Deering, is also interesting. We make the following extracts :

" I have, in accordance with instructions, visited ninety-eight Chapters, and find most of them in good condition and prospering. But others are in bad condition, and some few are in a dying state, and I think cannot survive for any length of time.

Some have had their jurisdiction so much curtailed by the chartering of other Chapters that they have no material to work into the temple. Others have neglected the use of the black-ball, and have worked in very bad material, which will in the end destroy the Chapter, and bring disgrace upon the Order. And I find that in some Chapters it has been the habit of some of their members to urge their friends to apply to the Chapter for the Capitular Degrees, and then if their petitions are rejected it creates discussion amongst the members which it is difficult to heal. This is all



wrong ; let every one who wishes to unite with a Masonic Body come of his own free will and accord.

In my visitations I have conferred some of the Capitular Degrees in thirty-three Chapters, and in some of these all of the Degrees. And have conferred the Cryptic Degrees in forty-six Chapters.

There are forty-two Chapters located in the third story and forty-one in the second story of brick buildings, and four in the third story of stone buildings, and seven in the second story of wood buildings. Of these, twenty-nine halls are owned by the Craft, and the rest are rented.

About one-third of the Chapters have officers well posted in the ritual and work ; about one-sixth are very deficient, and some never pretend to confer a degree without aid from a neighboring Chapter. The balance manage to go through with the work in a passable manner ; very few are critically correct in all of the ritual.

In eight Chapters visited there was no meeting, as there was no quorum present.

In twenty Chapters, having an average membership of 110, the average attendance has been sixteen per cent. And in twenty Chapters, with an average membership of 29, the attendance is forty-two per cent. And the average attendance in the State is twenty-two per cent.

There has been organized in this State more Chapters than can live and prosper. Formerly it was nothing uncommon to see members travel twenty or thirty miles to attend a meeting of the Chapter, but now they think they must have one at each cross-road ; and in some places it is difficult to obtain a quorum of members who live in the town where the Chapter is located. This is not as it should be, and there is a fault somewhere, and I think that it may, in the main, be traced to the inefficiency of the officers. The lectures are in many cases hurriedly and carelessly given, and in such a slipshod manner that the members take no interest in them, and the candidate receives very little, if any, information therefrom. Whereas the lectures should be given in a careful, deliberate manner, as they not only explain the forms and ceremonies, but furnish the philosophical and moral significance of the teachings and language of the ritual. Unless this is done the lecture becomes a mummary and a farce, conveying no sufficient knowledge to the candidate, and a bore to those who, by their official position, are compelled to remain to the end.

I find in some Chapters a High Priest who has occupied the East for ten or twelve years, and the result is there is no other officer in the Chapter who has sufficient knowledge of the work to confer a degree, and in some cases no one who could open the Chapter in regular form. This could be remedied by electing others, so that there would be no lack of officers who could perform the work in case the High Priest was absent.

I think no Chapter should be chartered with less than fifteen members, nor without the consent of all the Chapters whose jurisdictions are affected thereby.

The ark used in the Chapter should represent the substitute ark said to have been found in the arch at the re-building of the temple, and should bear upon its sides and top the inscriptions which the lectures teach were on it when found. But the ones used in our Chapters, for the most part, are not so marked ; and some have no marks thereon that convey any intelligent information. And very few are correctly marked ; and when the candidates are informed that the inscriptions on the ark are to be read



thus and so, and the High Priest is asked to read and explain the same, he is compelled to answer that he cannot, for the reason that he does not know the meaning of the characters. The ark in the Chapters should be correctly and uniformly marked. The contents of the ark should in some measure represent what the lectures say they are intended to represent. But if the contents of all in the State could be collected they would furnish a sufficient stock to supply a curiosity shop.

I found in one a piece of broom-handle which, although it never "budded and blossomed," yet it may have borne fruit in the hands of some irate spouse when her liege lord did not walk in the straight matrimonial path. And in one a pill-box, which, on opening it, I expected to find something in the shape of pellets, but I found it empty, and whether the contents had been used to help some tarry brother over the "rough and rugged roads in his journey," or otherwise, I could not ascertain; but it did not afford even a smell of that article of food which it purported to represent.

With such emblems exhibited to illustrate the teachings of the Order, the intelligent candidate is disposed to look upon the whole ceremony as a farce."

His services were continued by the adoption of the following portion of the Committee's report:

"The report of our "Grand Lecturer" appears to be intended as advisory, and that his doings may go upon record, and thereby become fully disseminated.

The system is yet in its infancy, and we are unable to determine as to its merits or demerits. The report is certainly worthy of perusal, and contains much advice and many suggestions worthy of consideration.

Since the term has expired for which the present system was created, we would recommend that the general plan be continued, except, however, the Grand Lecturer shall only be required to visit and inspect such Chapters as may be in need of advice and instruction, and under such instructions and regulations as the Grand High Priest may direct."

On the qualifications of candidates for advancement, the following report and resolution were adopted:

"The matter is one of growing importance in this jurisdiction, and your Committee most heartily agree with all that has been said in this address regarding it. Whatever objection might have been urged against the proposed rule in the earlier history of Capitular Masonry in this State, because of various matters that will readily suggest themselves, we are of opinion that the time has now arrived when self-interest and the well-being of the fraternity demand that looseness in the ritualistic department of the Order shall be prohibited by a general regulation, and its full enforcement in all Subordinate Chapters. Your Committee do not deem it necessary to enter into a labored argument to support this conclusion. The address referred to supercedes any need for this. The position taken is unanswerable. The time has been reached when no one should be advanced until he has wrought in the quarries and exhibited suitable proficiency in the preceding Degrees in fact as well as in name.

In conclusion we recommend the adoption of the following resolution

to have from, and after its adoption and publication in the "Proceedings" for the current year, the force and effect of a general regulation :

*Resolved*, That no High Priest shall confer any of the Degrees belonging to Capitular Masonry, as practiced in this jurisdiction, until after the candidate therefor shall have submitted himself to an examination in open lodge and shown such proficiency in the preceding Degree as shall be satisfactory to the membership of the Chapter in which such Degree is to be conferred."

The report on correspondence is by Comp. John C. Parish, and reviews our proceedings for 1886. On the efficiency of our Grand Scribe E., he says :

"R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe, is certainly a very efficient and accomplished officer, as is evidenced by the promptness in which the Proceedings of his Grand Chapter are issued. The Convocation was held on the 16th of July, and in just three weeks from that date he placed a volume of its Proceedings, containing over one hundred pages, in the hands of his readers. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

M. E. Comp. Thomas R. Ercanbrack, (Anamosa), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John C. Parish, (Des Moines), G. S.

### KENTUCKY.

Seventy-first Annual Convocation, Louisville, October 19th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Bernard G. Witt, G. H. P.

He reports one new Chapter.

We copy the report of the Committee on Ritual :

"Your Committee on Ritual respectfully reports : That it has taken a great deal of pains to inform itself as to the workings of Chapters in different parts of the country, and has compared the "work from the New England States" to those south of us, and from Wisconsin to New York and our National Capitol. It visited Covington Chapter, No. 35, at considerable inconvenience, and witnessed the work in the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees, which were conferred in a remarkably smooth, dignified and elegant manner. The courtesy extended to your Committee could not have been excelled. A visit to Eureka Chapter, No. 101, proverbial for good work, was enjoyed, when the hospitality characteristic of this zealous body of companions was extended.

In Washington, D. C., the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified before the General Grand Chapter, and was witnessed by your Committee.

While the general ideas and forms prevail in all, there are marked differences in detail, both as touching the ceremonies and modes of expression. No two rituals are exactly alike. So far as your Committee has examined, and it has spent considerably more than a full week in its investigations, your Committee is forced to the conviction that there is no such thing as "Kentucky Work," properly so-called. In many localities a ritual is used that can not be called legitimate, and if it were there are

sufficient reasons to justify a recommendation that it be subjected to scrutiny, with a view to radical changes therein, while in other sections absurdities have crept in that can scarcely be disapproved with too much emphasis.

With this state of affairs your Committee feel that the necessity for good work and true work is urgent; and while it may appear to companions of one section that the committee has made complete changes, it will be found on examination that it conforms to the practice in other sections.

It is the purpose of your Committee to eliminate the absurdities and puerilities, as will be explained verbally, and to produce a ritual divested of objectionable features, without departing from the essentials prescribed by the General Grand Chapter, and those in use in some parts of the country; that is to say, it will partake of the nature of a corrected compilation of the best works of the brightest minds. So that the complete whole shall merit your hearty commendation. It will require no little painstaking research and study to perform the labor that is in contemplation, in order to put the ritual into such a shape that your Committee may be willing to recommend it. And the undersigned congratulate themselves that they have been able to divest themselves of local prejudices, and are determined to consider questions that arise on their merits. Your Committee ask for further time, and recommend,

1. That when the ritual is completed, it be submitted to the "Grand Council;" and if approved—

2. That it be placed in the hands of Subordinate Chapters under direction of the G. H. P.

3. That the Committee make suitable arrangements to exemplify the work at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body, and on the Monday before, or day after, its regular sittings, if practicable, in order that a full exemplification of all the Degrees may take place without interference with the ordinary business of Grand Chapter."

Our Proceedings for 1886 receive a good notice in the report on correspondence of Comp. Hiram Bassett. Extracts are given from the address of M. E. Comp. Sargent, and the report of R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson on Capitular Masonry.

M. E. Comp. Hiram Bassett, (Millersburg), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. H. Branham, (Louisville) G. S.

### LOUISIANA.

Fortieth Annual Convocation, New Orleans, February 15th, 1887.

The address of M. E. Comp. Denison Stocking, G. H. P., contains the following:

"Companions, as we gather around our mystic altar to hold our fortieth Annual Communication, we find the past year marked with few events which require our action at this time. The past year will be chiefly memorable from the unusual number and position of those called from us

by the voice of death. Peace and harmony have prevailed in our Chapters. At this communication, we miss not only one or two, but a constellation of bright Masonic stars has set behind the returnless horizon. Henceforth there is darkness where we had been wont to look for light. Yet, as we read over the record of their lives, and trace their fidelity to the eternal principles of righteousness, we can, in faith, look upon their souls as shining with the stars in the firmament forever.

Such is the summary of the year's labors of your Grand High Priest. It seems of itself to indicate that the Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch, the crowning mystery of American Masonry, does not awaken that interest to which its excellence entitles it. Too many companions attain our Degrees and become inmates of our Chapters simply with a view of passing onward with as rapid a pace as possible to the most exalted Masonic stations. These solemn mysteries, which were once the cherished possession of the devoted few, are now the property of the careless and indifferent many. It would be well if advancement could be made to depend upon proficiency in preceding Degrees. It behooves our Subordinate Chapters to elect men to official positions who will be faithful and diligent; who will provide that the work be conducted with dignity and interest, and that the lessons be so enforced that companions shall be helped forward over the rough and rugged path of life, and taught to live humbly before God, so that in due time, when this earthly pilgrimage is over, they may look to be exalted unto the heavenly habitations."

He reports the issue of a proclamation, declaring non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter of England, and also the Grand Mark Lodge of England

The officers were installed by the General Grand King, M. E. Comp. Joseph P. Horner.

M. E. Comp. Richard Lambert, (New Orleans), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, (New Orleans), G. S.

#### MAINE.

Sixty-first Annual Convocation, Portland, May 4th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Manly G. Trask, G. H. P., reports harmony prevailing; no rulings or decisions asked for or grievances to be settled.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"Any officer of a Subordinate Chapter, except the High Priest, King and Scribe, who is in good standing and against whom no charges exist, may resign. Whenever such vacancy occurs, it may be filled at any stated Convocation of such Chapter."

A new committee on text book and digest was appointed.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond presented another of his able and interesting reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1885 received due notice. In his review of Connecticut, he has the following:

“ He reported that a New York Chapter proposed to release jurisdiction over candidates in its jurisdiction nearer to the Connecticut Chapter, upon a division of the fees,—a proposition, we are very glad to see, which the Grand High Priest declined.

In this connection, he says :

“ In this connection, I desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapter to the fact that occasionally a release of jurisdiction is refused, unless part of the fees received are paid to the Chapter releasing.

“ I do not believe that exclusive jurisdiction over certain territory was granted to Chapters for their pecuniary benefit alone.

“ I think candidates for the Degrees should never be bartered or sold, and that a release of jurisdiction should never be asked or granted, coupled with a pecuniary consideration. Perhaps it may be wise to forbid this practice.”

His remarks are wise and his position correct. The doctrine of territorial jurisdiction of Subordinate bodies was adopted, not for the protection of those bodies, but for the protection of the fraternity, by requiring candidates to apply where they were likely to be best known ; and we regret that the idea has grown up that Lodges and Chapters have an interest in candidates, and that a law which was designed to protect the fraternity should be considered to have been made for the benefit of the Lodge or Chapter. This idea has been encouraged by Grand Bodies in requiring the fee to be paid by one body to another, as if the fee was the principal matter involved ; but this is all wrong, and tends to make merchandise of Masonry ; if it appears that a body took jurisdiction of a candidate in order to get the fee, let the body be punished by taking away the fee, but in so doing, do not recognize the idea that the other body has any claim to or interest in the fee.

The Grand Chapter endorsed the views of the Grand High Priest by the adoption of the following resolution :

‘ *Resolved*, That Chapters in this jurisdiction are prohibited from granting release of jurisdiction except as a free voluntary act, without any monetary consideration whatever.’ ”

This plain speaking will do good. In our own jurisdiction, the idea is becoming prevalent that the violation of jurisdiction is simply a matter of money. While the fine may be a part of the punishment, it should not be all. There are higher considerations to be thought of than the mere loss of the fee or the obtaining of it. There is the great danger of the acceptance of unworthy material. There is also the loss of self-respect in the infraction of a rule which all have pledged themselves to observe. A wholesome dose of suspension, besides the fine, would probably soon eradicate the erroneous idea that it is a trifling matter to invade another’s jurisdiction. Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters owe it to themselves and to the Craft, to stamp out this mercenary idea, and to visit with exemplary punishment, those who will fully violate the rights of others.



On the subject of honorary membership in Grand Chapter, and the right of a Grand officer to carry his rank with him to another jurisdiction, Comp. Drummond has the following in his notice of Georgia :

‘ The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted :

“ Companions of eminence and ability, coming from other jurisdictions, who have rendered service to the Craft and who are residents within this jurisdiction, may, by a two-thirds vote of this Grand Chapter, be constituted members thereof, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper, not exceeding the rank in the jurisdiction from which they came.”

While the proposed amendment, which, under the Constitution, was presented the year before and laid over, was pending, a motion was made to amend it, but was ruled out of order. We note this decision because recently the absurd idea that an amendment, which must be proposed at one session and laid over to the next before it can be acted upon, can be amended when it comes up for action, has been entertained in some quarters.

We do not believe in the amendment adopted by the Grand Chapter of Georgia ; it is not in accordance with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter ; membership in a Subordinate Chapter should be a prerequisite to gaining membership in the Grand Chapter ; under the General Grand Chapter system, Masonic rank acquired in one jurisdiction ought to follow a Royal Arch Mason when he becomes a member of a Chapter in another jurisdiction ; and the provision of the General Grand Constitution, making Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes, members of the Grand Chapter in the jurisdiction in which they are members of Subordinate Chapters, is as liberal in this regard as it is sound policy to be.

Under this provision, Comp. Lansing Burrows, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, was elected a member of the Grand Chapter, with the rank of Past Grand King. While we fully and heartily concede that if the exercise of the power conferred by this amendment is ever proper or desirable, it was so in this case ; but if Comp. Burrows had become a member of a Chapter in Georgia, we hold that he at the same time, by virtue of his rank, became a member of the Grand Chapter ; and if he had not become a member of a Georgia Chapter, he ought not to become a member of the Grand Chapter.”

Statistics at present stand thus :



| GRAND<br>CHAPTERS.          | Members. | Exaltations. | Admissions and<br>Restorations. | Dimissions. | Expulsions. | Suspensions. | Sus. for Non-<br>payment of dues. | Deaths. |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Alabama, . . . . .          | 504      | 32           | 10                              | 10          | 0           | 0            | 11                                | 8       |
| Arkansas, . . . . .         | 1,394    | 95           | 29                              | 23          | 1           | 0            | 47                                | 17      |
| California, . . . . .       | 4,044    | 237          | 70                              | 114         | 0           | 0            | 53                                | 56      |
| Canada, . . . . .           | 3,701    | 215          | 42                              | 86          | 0           | ....         | * 119                             | 36      |
| Colorado, . . . . .         | 1,152    | 128          | 19                              | 22          | 2           | 1            | 1                                 | 7       |
| Connecticut, . . . . .      | 4,237    | 137          | 7                               | 8           | 0           | 0            | 17                                | 64      |
| Dakota, . . . . .           | 840      | 137          | 23                              | 32          | 0           | ....         | * 2                               | 1       |
| Delaware, . . . . .         | 275      | 7            | 2                               | 1           | 0           | ....         | 1                                 | 3       |
| District of Columbia, . . . | 1,176    | 56           | 16                              | 16          | 0           | 8            | 37                                | 20      |
| Florida, . . . . .          | 228      | 5            | 5                               | 0           | 1           | ....         | * 5                               | 5       |
| Georgia, . . . . .          | 1,017    | 70           | 20                              | 25          | 0           | ....         | * 10                              | 22      |
| Illinois, . . . . .         | 11,816   | 596          | 89                              | 322         | 14          | ....         | * 217                             | 127     |
| Indiana, . . . . .          | 4,872    | 270          | 45                              | 146         | 6           | 5            | 89                                | 68      |
| Iowa, . . . . .             | 6,271    | 450          | 80                              | 239         | 4           | ....         | * 161                             | 60      |
| Kansas, . . . . .           | 2,714    | 240          | 64                              | 66          | 0           | ....         | * 24                              | 24      |
| Kentucky, . . . . .         | 2,390    | 163          | 24                              | 70          | 5           | ....         | * 90                              | 44      |
| Louisiana, . . . . .        | 626      | 16           | 4                               | 4           | 0           | 3            | 6                                 | 16      |
| Maine, . . . . .            | 4,296    | 152          | 21                              | 96          | 2           | 0            | 96                                | 43      |
| Maryland, . . . . .         | 1,197    | 88           | 8                               | 36          | 1           | ....         | * 6                               | 16      |
| Massachusetts, . . . . .    | 9,638    | 463          | ....                            | 178         | 1           | 0            | 99                                | 135     |
| Michigan, . . . . .         | 8,528    | 469          | 95                              | 220         | 10          | 2            | 145                               | 106     |
| Minnesota, . . . . .        | 2,734    | 170          | 64                              | 72          | 0           | 0            | 31                                | 20      |
| Mississippi, . . . . .      | 1,195    | 35           | 32                              | 29          | 0           | 0            | 41                                | 21      |
| Missouri, . . . . .         | 4,900    | 345          | 75                              | 123         | 0           | ....         | * 115                             | 54      |
| Nebraska, . . . . .         | 1,442    | 160          | 110                             | 65          | 2           | ....         | * 10                              | 13      |
| Nevada, . . . . .           | 352      | 32           | 12                              | 17          | 0           | 0            | 17                                | 4       |
| New Hampshire, . . . . .    | 2,450    | 105          | 110                             | 15          | 0           | 0            | 15                                | 25      |
| New Jersey, . . . . .       | 2,491    | 74           | 27                              | 50          | 0           | ....         | * 39                              | 27      |
| New York, . . . . .         | 15,288   | 759          | 171                             | 227         | 6           | 2            | 625                               | 223     |
| North Carolina, . . . . .   | 914      | 21           | 4                               | 4           | 0           | 0            | 31                                | 12      |
| Nova Scotia, . . . . .      | 507      | 38           | 2                               | 18          | 0           | 2            | ....                              | 6       |
| Ohio, . . . . .             | 10,532   | 543          | 184                             | 226         | 7           | ....         | * 286                             | 133     |
| Oregon, . . . . .           | 779      | 30           | 7                               | 6           | 2           | 2            | 13                                | 5       |
| Pennsylvania, . . . . .     | 11,572   | 625          | 81                              | 92          | 5           | ....         | 184                               | 157     |
| Quebec, . . . . .           | 485      | 28           | ....                            | 5           | 0           | ....         | 7                                 | 6       |
| Rhode Island, . . . . .     | 1,708    | 59           | 2                               | 1           | 0           | 0            | 8                                 | 17      |
| South Carolina, . . . . .   | 354      | 21           | 8                               | 3           | 0           | 0            | 14                                | 4       |
| Tennessee, . . . . .        | 1,891    | 83           | 30                              | 45          | 1           | 5            | 32                                | 35      |
| Texas, . . . . .            | 3,677    | 256          | 94                              | 140         | 1           | ....         | * 58                              | 92      |
| Vermont, . . . . .          | 2,035    | 63           | 22                              | 23          | 1           | ....         | * 25                              | 29      |
| Virginia, . . . . .         | 1,230    | 67           | 29                              | 38          | 1           | ....         | * 23                              | 30      |
| Washington, . . . . .       | 235      | 43           | 52                              | 11          | 0           | 0            | 0                                 | 3       |
| West Virginia, . . . . .    | 519      | 32           | 2                               | 15          | 0           | 0            | 1                                 | 2       |
| Wisconsin, . . . . .        | 3,988    | 224          | 31                              | 75          | 1           | ....         | * 84                              | 58      |
|                             | 142,194  | 7,839        | 1,822                           | 3,014       | 74          | 30           | 2,895                             | 1,854   |

\* Including "excluded."

The total membership is 142,194, against 140,960 in 1885; the Exaltations are 7,839, against 9,469 in 1885; the Admissions and Restorations are 1,822, against 2,029 in 1885; the Dimissions are 3,014, against 2,985 in 1885; the Expulsions are 74, against 92 in 1885; the Suspensions (including suspensions from membership and names dropped from the roll) are 2,925, against 2,771 in 1885; and the deaths are 1,854, against 1,516 in 1885."

M. E. Comp. James M. Nevens. (Bucksport) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Ira Berry. (Portland) G. S.

### MARYLAND.

Eighty-ninth annual Convocation, Baltimore, November 9th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. John M. Carter, G. H. P.

The membership is now 1201, an increase of four.

The duties of the Grand High Priest were light and pleasant; harmony prevailing and good work done, although most of the Chapters were not busily occupied.

On the dispute between Quebec and England, it was decided to await further developments before taking any action.

We were exceedingly glad to see Comp. E. T. Schultz at Washington, in the enjoyment of renewed health and strength. Our repeated visits to the Maryland headquarters were enjoyable in the extreme. There we met many old friends and enjoyed the fellowship of many of the reporters. There seemed to be a peculiar attractiveness about Comp. Schultz and those who surrounded him and we are greatly indebted to him for his kindness and attention in affording us the opportunity for several very pleasant reunions.

Canada for 1886 receives due notice, and extracts are given from the address of M. E. Comp. Sargant, with approval. In his review of the General Grand Chapter, Comp. Schultz says:

"The writer had the pleasure of being present with your representatives during the entire Convocation and he cannot withhold an expression of gratification experienced in meeting the Most Excellent Companions from various parts of our country, and from Canada and Quebec

It was especially gratifying to him to meet so many of the Correspondence Reporters, and to exchange fraternal greetings with them. Of the companions of the corps present were: Companions Dadmun, of Massachusetts; Casswell, of California; Patton, of Oregon; Bassett, of Kentucky; Acklan, of Ohio; Ogden, of New York; Horner, of Louisiana; Barlow, of Connecticut; Robertson, of Canada; Southgate, of North Carolina; Larner and Singleton, of the District of Columbia. Many of these Companions it had been his fortune to meet before, but others he saw

for the first time, although for years he has known them through their writings.

The pleasure of meeting these companions was great indeed, and the memory of the interview with them at the Riggs House, in the City of Washington, on the evening of Sept. 29th. 1886, will long be cherished."

M. E. Comp. Henry C. Larrabee, (Baltimore,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Geo. L. McCahan, (Baltimore,) G. S.

### MASSACHUSETTS.

Eighty-sixth annual Convocation, Boston, December 7th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Frederick T. Comee, G.H.P.

His address contains the following paragraph :

"The reports of the D. D. Grand High Priest justify a liberal degree of satisfaction with the general condition of the Chapters comprising this jurisdiction. No intimation of discord or complaint existing between any of our Chapters has reached me—a conclusive evidence of the existence of that contentment and unity of purpose, "which is the strength and support of all institutions." Many Chapters have not increased their membership, but, companions, I do not regard an increase of membership the prime object of Capitular Masonry. Let our first efforts be to improve ourselves and our companions already within the Royal Arch, in the practice of the principles so freely professed in our ritual—cultivating that fraternal spirit which recognizes all as brethren—meeting upon the level—among whom no contention should ever exist, but peace and brotherly love abound. Keep out of our Chapters the habitual grumblers and fault-finders—admit only those in whose hearts is a pure love for the tenets of our institution, and a desire and willingness to follow its precepts. It is much easier to keep out of our Chapters those whose membership is of doubtful desirableness, than to admit them and then try to correct any peculiarity that may breed discontent. Reform them first, admit them afterwards. Pride yourselves upon the *quality* of your membership rather than upon the number of names signed to your By-Laws.

He issued a dispensation for one new Chapter, which, from its membership and its work while U. D., gives promise of a brilliant future. The petition for dispensation was signed by 109 Companions. They held seven regular and fourteen special Convocations and exalted fifty-three candidates. They provided themselves with all the requisites of a well organized Chapter, including an appropriate working regalia, secured superior apartments for work and enjoyment and closed their labors U. D., free from debt. This Chapter is located at Malden, and is named the Chapter of the Tabernacle.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. John W. Dadmun, and notices Canada for 1886. After quoting our

remarks on our ancient custom of transacting Lodge business in the first degree, he says :

“All that is true, and according to our own ritual, an Entered Apprentice is a “just and upright Mason.” And furthermore, that Apprentices were anciently admitted to all the assemblies of Masons, and actually transacted the business, is a matter of history. The development of Fellow Craft, Master Mason and Royal Arch into separate Degrees was the work of the “Revivalists,” or speculative Masonry, in the beginning of the eighteenth century. Templar Masonry naturally grew out of the heroic spirit of the Christian age, and therefore took a semi-military form in its organization. The whole is one great and grand system, firmly knit together, and perfectly harmonious. Now and then some would be “Ancient,” *par excellence*, cries out against “High Degree Masonry,” but the Degrees and orders are so fully blended, and the members so thoroughly united, that the fulminations fall harmlessly to the ground.”

In his notice of Kentucky, he says :

“We are glad to see that he does not adopt that convenient method of accounting for lack of interest by attributing all to “Templars’ feathers and bright buttons.” Further on, in alluding to the work done in some Chapters, he says : “The Degrees are conferred in such a ‘hurry-skurry’ sort of a way that he (the candidate) is disgusted and does not attend any more.” In many cases it is not only the imperfect rendering of the ritual that is disgusting, but the want of dignity and gentlemanly deportment on the part of the officers.

It is a delicate subject to touch upon, but is it not time that we denounce in unmeasured terms the foolery carried on in many Chapters while working some of the Capitular Degrees? We know of a Grand Chapter that had to take this subject in hand ; and that passed a regulation that the Living Arch should be three feet and a half high and remain stationary ; and that the High Priests should enforce it. If that rule is not carried out the ceremony that follows it will be incongruous and profane. We know it is said that “Truth *crushed to earth* will rise again,” and it is equally true that in the end it will *crush the crushers*. Want of dignity and decorum in a Chapter will soon deprive it of its best men, and reduce it to a rabble—and that will be the end of it.”

M. E. Comp. Frederick T. Comee, (Boston,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, (Boston,) G. S.

### MICHIGAN.

Thirty-eighth annual Convocation, Detroit, January 18th,  
1887.

M. E. Comp. Daniel Striker, G. H. P.

One new Chapter was formed.

His decisions were as under :

“1. What should be the manner of taking the expression of the Chapter to waive personal jurisdiction of a candidate for the Chapter degrees?

Answer. The same as if he made application to your Chapter for the degrees, viz., by ballot.

2. An application is received for the degrees conferred in the Chapter, accompanied with the legal fee for the same. Said application is referred to a committee in the usual manner. One month's time elapses before the ballot is spread. During this time who is the legal custodian of the money?

Answer. The treasurer.

In addition to the above, by request I will submit the following, and ask its reference to the committee on jurisprudence, for an expression as to the advisability of disturbing the question :

Can anything be done with a Companion in a Chapter who repeatedly has, and persistently declares his intention to, continue to cast a black ball against an applicant for the Chapter degrees, on account, as openly expressed, of political or personal differences?

Answer. No."

Companion Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain, submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which, on motion, were accepted and adopted :

*"Whereas*, It has come to the knowledge of several Companions, members of this Grand Chapter, that it is the custom of some of the subordinate Chapters of this grand jurisdiction to remit the dues of such of their members as have reached the mature years of "three score and ten,"

And as all the years beyond that limit are borrowed time beyond the days of the years of man's allotted time on the earth, and

*Whereas*, Such action of remitting the dues of the old and faithful, by the subordinate Chapters, is but a compliment to the fidelity of faithful workers on the walls of our earthly temple,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter approve and recommend the remitting of the dues of such of their members as have reached seventy years of age.

*Resolved*, That when a subordinate Chapter shall remit the dues of a Companion on reaching seventy years of age, said Companion shall be borne on the rolls of the subordinate Chapter as emerited member of such Chapter.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter will, and do hereby, remit the per capita tax on such members of subordinate Chapters as are borne on their several rolls as emerited members, on account of being over seventy years of age.

"Companion Oliver L. Spaulding, Past Grand High Priest, moved to take from the table the amendment to section four, article eleven, of the constitution, offered by him at last grand convocation, and laid over under the rules. Carried. The proposed amendment was ably discussed by Past Grand High Priests O. L. Spaulding, A. I. Sawyer, and Hugh McCurdy, after which a vote was taken and the constitution was declared amended, over two-thirds of the Chapters represented voting in the affirmative. Section four, article eleven, grand constitution, as now amended, reads :

'Should objection be made to the advancement of a candidate after he shall have received one of the Chapter degrees, it shall be the duty of the High Priest to order the Companion so objecting to file written charges forthwith, and the Chapter shall proceed to investigate said charges, and if



same shall not be proven, the degrees shall be conferred upon said Companion as if no charges had been made ; but should charges be proven, then the Companion may be further advanced only as provided for under section nine, article ten of the grand constitution.

*' Provided, In case the Companion making the objection shall neglect or refuse to file charges and specifications within thirty days, then in such case, the Chapter may proceed to confer the degrees the same as if no objection had been made.'*

Past Grand High Priest Hugh McCurdy submitted the following special report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted:

*' Your committee on jurisprudence, of last year, to whom was referred the question that when a Chapter had been discontinued, how it may be restored, respectfully report, that where a Chapter has been discontinued, it may have its Charter restored by this grand body, provided a petition is presented to the Grand Chapter of not less than nine members of such Chapter, and if the charter is restored the petitioners shall constitute the membership of such Chapter. Article eight, section twenty-two, constitution.*

It will be observed that this grand body may restore the charter, not shall or must, but it is discretionary with this Grand Chapter to restore the charter or not, as it in its wisdom may direct and order.

It must be distinctly understood that no one can petition for such restoration except the members of the discontinued Chapter, and if the charter is restored the petitioners only are members of the Chapter whose charter has been restored.' ”

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not agree with the Grand High Priest in his last decision above mentioned, and their report was adopted as follows :

“ The third question : ‘ Can anything be done with a Companion in a Chapter who repeatedly has, and persistently declares his intention to, continue to cast a black ball against an applicant for the Chapter degrees, on account, as openly expressed, of political or personal differences?’ ”

This the Grand High Priest answers: No.

Your committee cannot agree with the Grand High Priest in this ruling for the reason they do not believe it to be good Masonic law. A Companion has no right to disclose his ballot under any circumstances, and if he does, he is liable to be dealt with for making such disclosure. In the case as presented, we have a Companion who repeatedly has, and persistently declares his intention to, continue to cast a black ball. Such a Companion is guilty of gross unmasonic conduct in disclosing how he voted, and in stating what he would do in the future, and thereby disturbing the work of the Chapter, and the peace and harmony of his Companions, and should be put on trial for gross unmasonic conduct, and, if found guilty, ought to be hove over among the rubbish that the prosperity, peace and harmony of the Royal Craft be not retarded by such an obstruction.

While your committee greatly regret to differ with the decision of the Grand High Priest, still we fraternally submit that this decision ought not to be approved, and instead of being answered No, it should be answered by an emphatic Yes.”

We think that the committee were quite right. It is in



the power of any one Companion, acting maliciously, to disturb the harmony and temporarily destroy the usefulness of the Chapter, and when such a one is discovered he should be handled without gloves. Our laws as to the secrecy of the ballot were never intended to prove a shield for him and we would not allow any sentimentality to interfere with the due trial and just punishment of one who is guilty, by his own confession, of gross unmasonic conduct.

As to the bond of a guarantee company for the fidelity of a Grand Treasurer, the following portion of the report of the Committee on Finance is interesting :

“ At the last session of the Grand Chapter, M. E. Companion Blades offered the following resolution :

That the finance committee be, and are hereby directed, to enquire into the feasibility of securing an indemnity bond for the Grand Treasurer, and secure such bond for the present year, if in their judgment they think best, and the cost thereof to be paid by Grand Chapter.

Your committee would say that they, in connection with Grand Treasurer Noble, corresponded with agents in Chicago, New York, Detroit and Toronto, and found the plan impracticable, as the conditions were too numerous; in fact, they wanted to be the custodians of our funds. and control how we should conduct our business. Companion Grand Treasurer Noble furnished a bond that was amply good, and so endorsed by the chairman of committee, and forwarded to M. E. Grand High Priest Striker, as you are aware.

Your committee would recommend that the funds of the Grand Chapter remain as at present, in the hands and under the control of the Grand Treasurer, he furnishing a good and sufficient bond; and as the funds of the Grand Chapter are increasing each year, and believing in this case tariff for revenue only, we would recommend that the finance committee, at the next session, submit some plan whereby the dues now received from subordinate Chapters may be reduced, without reducing the amount now on hand, deeming the surplus now in the hands of the Treasurer a sufficient fund for all contingencies.”

The Grand Secretary reports very fully on correspondence and notices our proceedings for 1886.

M. E. Comp. Eugene P. Robertson, (Albion,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William P. Innes, (Grand Rapids,) G. S.

### MINNESOTA.

Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation, St. Paul, October 12th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Nathan Kingsley, G. H. P.

Out of forty-one Chapters thirty-seven were represented.

Six new Chapters were formed.

### No Grievances.

Resolutions were carried providing for the dissemination of the work as adopted, with the modifications made by the General Grand Chapter, and providing funds for that purpose.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and reviews our proceedings for 1886.

On the use of keys he says :

“It is a notorious fact that there are being peddled around the country what purport to be keys, all of which are really worthless.

We are opposed to keys, but if we are obliged to choose between two evils, we prefer the least, and as craftsmen are no longer willing to do as we did in olden times, learn from mouth to ear, and we can not drive out keys in any other way, worthless though they be, we prefer an authorized key to be circulated under restrictions to limit to certain authorized parties, and hold each responsible for the proper use so as to prevent unlimited circulation.

As we before remarked we are opposed to keys, but if brethren will persist in the purchase from peddlers, and to drive them out of the market and to secure uniformity, we acquiesce in having something of the kind to be in possession of the Chapters, and the High Priest held responsible.”

M. E. Comp. John H. Brown, (Willmar), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. A. T. C. Pierson, (St. Paul), G. S.

### MISSISSIPPI.

Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation, Jackson, February 8th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. S. C. Conley, G. H. P.

The outlook is more promising than it was last year.

A brother may petition for the Chapter Degrees, according to their regulations, immediately after being raised. Officers of Chapters cannot dimit while in office.

Dakota and Washington Territory were recognized.

Quebec was sustained.

Comp. P. M. Savery reports on correspondence and gives a fraternal notice of our Proceedings for 1885.

M. E. Comp. Richard P. Bowen, (Chulahoma), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. L. Power, (Jackson), G. S.

### MISSOURI.

Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation, St. Louis, May 13th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Lee A. Hall, G. H. P.

During the past three years the movement to establish a Masonic Home for widows and orphans and distressed brethren has received some attention at the hands of the Masonic Grand Bodies in Missouri. The Grand Lodge appointed a Committee in 1885, which has performed its duties in part. On a memorial being received from the Grand Lodge the following resolutions were adopted :

“1. *Resolved*, By the Grand Chapter of the State of Missouri, that Most Excellent Companions Erwin Ellis and Reuben Barney be, and they are, hereby appointed a Committee to represent this Grand Chapter in conjunction with the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery in securing the Endowment of “The Masonic Home of Missouri.”

2. That we re-affirm the pledges of the hearty co-operation of this Grand Chapter heretofore made in May, 1885, to the laudable undertaking of finding homes for the widows and orphans of our departed brethren and indigent Masons. And when in the judgment of the Grand Lodge of Missouri this enterprise is within the power of attainment by means at their command, this Grand Chapter will contribute to the establishment and endowment thereof the sum of five hundred dollars per annum for a period of five years, beginning not earlier than at the May session, 1887, of the Grand Chapter.

3. That this enterprise be heartily commended by this Grand Chapter to the favorable consideration of all Subordinate Chapters within its jurisdiction.”

### The Grand Lecturer reports as follows :

“The Chapters throughout the State are generally in fair working order; nearly all are well or fairly equipped, and as a rule the ritual is rendered in a correct and impressive manner. There is in some Chapters a tendency to introduce levity and frivolity into our ceremonies which can not be too strongly condemned. Our ceremonies when properly performed are exceedingly beautiful, and teach solemn and important lessons, and their effect should not be marred by the introduction of clumsy wit or low buffoonery. Masons, when assembled in their capacity as such, should maintain their dignity, and though they may not have as much fun, they will produce a much better impression on the minds of the candidates. I do not mean to say that the practices referred to are general, or that, when indulged in by some injudicious companions, they are approved by the members generally. But what I have endeavored to impress upon the minds of companions is that they should not be practiced at all, nor on any occasions, but that the members should sternly rebuke and frown down any practices tending in that direction. Masonry has lived through the centuries because of the vital and important truths allegorically taught in its impressive ceremonies, while societies whose ceremonies were intended only to amuse have flourished for a day and passed into utter oblivion. As soon as the novelty of the performances is over, the interest ceases and the society dies a natural death.

It is with great pleasure that I am enabled to state that with few, very few, exceptions the Chapters are well equipped with all the necessary

paraphernalia to enable them to properly confer the Degrees. In this respect I believe that Missouri will compare favorably with most of her sister jurisdictions.

Peace and harmony prevail, so far as I can learn, without exception, throughout the entire jurisdiction."

M. E. Comp. R. F. Stevenson, (Kansas City), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William H. Mayo, (St. Louis), G. S.

### NEBRASKA.

Twentieth Annual Convocation, Omaha, December 15th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. John D. Moore, G. H. P. In his opening remarks says :

"The Craft has made substantial progress during the year, and has added largely to its membership. It is to be regretted, however, that as a rule the companions do not learn the Chapter work as well as they did the Blue Lodge work ; and there must be something wrong with our present system in regard to the "suitable proficiency" that we require before they are advanced in the Chapter Degrees, to account for this. It is often the case, even in the older Chapters that there are but two or three companions who have learned the work sufficiently to confer the Degrees. As a partial remedy for this, I recommend that the candidates be required to learn the lectures of the Degrees, and stand an examination on the same in open Chapter, before being permitted to receive the next higher Degree."

He formed eight new Chapters.

In accordance with a resolution of 1885, Comp. Moore reports having executed a release of all authority over the Cryptic Degrees in favor of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and then says :

"We should congratulate ourselves that the beautiful and instructive Cryptic Degrees of Royal and Select Masters have found a home where they will not be an "appendage" and placed about on a level with the "Equal Rights" and other side-degrees that the companions in their exuberant spirits sometimes confer, and that this Grand Body is relieved of a "bone of contention."

The Grand Lecturer made ninety-three official visits and reports great progress in securing uniformity in the work.

The following amendments to the Constitution were adopted :

"Amend Article I., Section 2, adding the words ' Provided that Past High Priests who may have demitted from a Subordinate Chapter for the purpose of assisting in the formation of a new Chapter under dispensation shall not thereby forfeit their membership in this Grand Chapter.' "

"Before advancement each candidate shall prove himself to be a skillful

workman as a Master Mason, by examination before the Council ; and as a Mark Master and Most Excellent Master *in open Chapter*, to the entire satisfaction of the Chapter in which he seeks advancement, by examination in the Degree last conferred. No Mark Master shall be exalted to the Royal Arch until his mark is recorded."

"Amend Section 5, Article IV., by adding the following words : ' And hereafter no Chapter shall be named after any living person, or after any city, town or village situated in this jurisdiction.' "

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and he says it is intended for *home* use. Our Proceedings for 1886 receive kindly mention.

We copy some of his arguments in support of the position taken by him and others, that membership in a Chapter should be contingent on membership in a Lodge :

"The doctrine that each and every Freemason should be a member of a Lodge is claimed, by some correspondents who have reviewed Nebraska's Proceedings, to be strange doctrine, modern masonry, and a delusive departure from the Freemasonry of (our) early days. To the undersigned, this doctrine, for many years, has seemed equitable and for the best interests of Freemasonry.

Our active interest in the society began in 1863 ; in 1872 we aided in forming By-Laws for our particular Chapter, and secured the enactment of the following provision : ' Any member of this Chapter who for the term of six months is unaffiliated with a Blue Lodge, ceases to be a member of this Chapter on the announcement and proof to the Chapter of his status, unless he shall give to the Chapter satisfactory reasons for his non-affiliation.' That law remains in force to this day, and Freemasonry in Omaha is the better for it.

We have conversed on this subject with many of our better informed companions, and have found no sufficient reason for changing our views. From the landmark of Ancient Craft Masonry which declares that every brother shall belong to a Lodge (and "should" meant "must" in those days, we take it) on up to to-day, every principle and every well-grounded policy of our society inculcates the necessity for relative membership. Freemasonry in one society (' the three Degrees, including the Royal Arch ') not a confederation of Orders ; ' once a Mason always a Mason ' is as true to-day as it ever was ; as well claim that when one becomes a Royal Arch Mason he is absolved from the obligations of ' brotherly love, relief and truth ' as to claim that he need not continue to be a member of a Lodge ; the edifice can't stand if the foundation-stone be removed ; and we fancy that Adoniram, or even Hiram himself, would have been promptly discharged from King Solomon's service if either of them had withdrawn from his lodge.

We do not attempt to localize this latter-day liberalism that opposes relative membership, although it is limited in extent ; but it seems to us that it springs from about the same source as the free-will doctrine of the present decade—the doctrine that a man *comes into* Freemasonry of his own free-will and accord, and has therefore a right to *withdraw* of his own free-will and accord—than which (we think) no greater heresy is to-day held regarding our society. No man *comes into* Freemasonry of his own



free-will and accord ; the self-constituted teachers of to-day preach many half truths which do more harm than whole errors ; the whole truth is, that every petitioner *seeks admission* of his own free-will and accord, but his admission is a very different matter.

Relative membership can do no harm, and may do much good ; it does not affect the Mason who wants to do his whole duty, but it may prevent the progress of those who seek the so-called "higher Degrees, and, having attained same, desire to abandon the Lodge or Chapter. If it be claimed that the Lodge asks no legislation at the hands of the Chapter we reply that no such request should be necessary."

Each Grand Chapter may regulate this matter as it thinks fit. In some jurisdictions it may be necessary to exclude from the Chapters all companions who are not in active membership in the Lodges. This may be necessary in the interest of the Lodges. It certainly cannot be so in the interests of the Chapters, as the enforcement of this rule would undoubtedly result in decreasing the membership of the Chapters. In jurisdictions where this rule is not in force, we are quite willing to believe that the governing powers know the needs of their constituencies better than outsiders and that they act accordingly.

M. E. Comp. Ithamar T. Benjamin, (Crete,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. W. R. Bowen, (Omaha,) G. S.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation, Concord, May 18th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Alpheus W. Baker, G. H. P., opens his address as follows :

"At the last Annual Convocation I was able to report what seemed an exceptionally prosperous condition of our Craft, and I am now happy to say that we have fully maintained, and, I trust, improved upon that high degree of excellence during the year which has just closed.

Amidst all the toils, the disappointments, the changing vicissitudes of humanity, peace has dwelt within our walls and prosperity within our palaces. A deep sense of duty has prevailed,

Discipline, as an exercise of authority has become a tradition. Each companion, imbued with the true spirit of our fraternity, and making the conscience of our Order the rule and guide of his conduct, has become a law unto himself."

Quebec was sustained.

A revised constitution was adopted. We notice that they prefer to use the term "general regulations" instead of constitution.



A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of reprinting the proceedings from the organization to 1867.

Comp. Albert S. Wait reports on correspondence and reviews our proceedings for 1885 in a truly fraternal manner.

On the powers of Grand Masters, he says :

“ We are not prepared to deny the wisdom of an attempt to define the powers of the Grand Master by precise constitutional provisions. We doubt the success, however, of such an attempt. The exercise of this prerogative is called forth by a nearly infinite variety of circumstances and conditions, and we doubt if a provision could be framed that would not give rise to as much discussion as its exercise has yet developed. However, when the attempt is made we shall look with much interest for the result of the experiment.”

M. E. Comp. John F. Webster, (Concord,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. George P. Cleaves, G. S

### NEW JERSEY.

Thirtieth Annual Convocation, Trenton, May 12th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Benjamin T. Bright, G. H. P.

The Chapters are in good condition and making fair progress. On the ritual he says :

“ Regarding the labors of the Committee on Ritual, their work will speak for itself, and the Craft at large will reap the benefits of their labors and the visiting officers be relieved of many difficulties and criticisms. It is a matter in which I have been deeply interested and one which I feel confident will be of much benefit in the near future. Their recommendations regarding the P. M. Degree is one which I hope will meet hearty approval. This Degree has for years past caused dissatisfaction in consequence of the conduct which thoughtless or perhaps overzealous companions have introduced into the ceremonies. Could it be properly rendered it would be well ; any measure tending towards a strict conformity to the ritual will be hailed with pleasure. Properly speaking the Degree is not Capitular, and should be eliminated from our ritual and be placed where it belongs—in “ Symbolic Masonry.”

The several standing committees reported that nothing had been before them for consideration.

The following resolutions were adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That a Special Committee upon Ceremonies be appointed to report to this Grand Body the propriety of providing and adopting a ceremony for observance at funerals of Royal Arch Masons ; a ceremony that may be performed by the Chapter alone, or so arranged and abridged that it may be rendered jointly with the ceremonies of other Masonic bodies.

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee be appointed to report to this

Grand Body the practicability and advisability of selecting certain days in the Masonic calendar referring to important events in Royal Arch Masonry, and celebrating them as festival days; that the Committee report at this Convocation, if practicable, if not, that they be continued as a Special Committee to report at the next regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

"*Resolved*, That so much of the action taken at previous Annual Convocations referring to the reports of Council officers, be rescinded, so that the future procedure shall be not to read but to print the reports."

We think that they had better leave the funeral business alone, the lodge ceremony is quite sufficient.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Henry Vehlslage.

M. E. Comp. Charles Belcher, jr., (Newark,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. George B. Edwards, (Jersey City), G. S.

### NEW YORK.

Ninetieth Annual Convocation. Albany February 1st, 1887.

M. E. Comp. Richard H. Huntington, G. H. P., opens his address with a reference to the life and Masonic history of M. E. Comp. William T. Woodruff, P. G. H. P., who died on the 4th March, 1886, at the age of 61. He was prominent in all departments of Masonry, the author of Woodruff's New York Code of Masonic Law, a true and valued friend and companion, and universally respected and esteemed.

Comp. Huntington thinks that a Chapter should not place any of its own members on its honorary list. He decided

"That Dunkirk Chapter can by vote place any of its members on the honorary list, but it will not relieve the Chapter from the payment of annual dues to the Grand Chapter by so doing.

I believe that annual and Grand Chapter dues are ties that bind a Companion closer to his Chapter, and make him prize its privileges much more. As they mature each year, he is forcibly reminded of his duty, and the duty his Chapter owes to the Grand Chapter, and his love for the Craft can in a large degree be measured by his promptness in paying them.

It is therefore proper that I should say I most emphatically disapprove of this practice for various reasons—principally among them that it has a tendency to create a spirit of rivalry and jealousy among the Craft, as well as a loss of all interest in the life and success of the Chapter. I would suggest to you, that at this convocation suitable action should be taken to so amend the Constitution or otherwise so provide that it will be impossible for a Chapter to place any of its own members on its honorary list."

A Chapter in New York City, admitting men of notoriously bad character, was properly suspended :

“November 10th, 1886, I received charges duly authenticated by companions well known to myself, as well as to a large number of the representatives now present, against the High Priest, Council and companions of Palestine Chapter, No. 255, of the city of New York, stating:

First—That said Chapter had since May 28th, 1886, advanced to the intermediate degrees and exalted to the august and sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason two members of Prudence Lodge, No. 632, of the city of New York.

Second—That the said two members so advanced and exalted in Palestine Chapter, were, and had been for many years previous, of notoriously bad character and evil repute in the community; that one of the said parties was commonly reputed to be, and as the complainants were informed, and verily believed he was in fact, a murderer and a gambler; that he was, and for a long time had been, under police surveillance, and was declared by the authorities to be a person of infamous repute; that the other party, mentioned in said complaint, had for several years last past been under police surveillance, and but recently was arrested for conducting a disreputable house in the city of New York, which was a common resort of the most infamous characters of both sexes, and was declared, by an official of high position as a notoriously bad man.

Third—The complainants verily believed that the bad character and evil repute of these parties were well known, or could easily have been ascertained and made known to the officers and companions of the aforesaid Chapter before they were advanced and exalted therein, but the said Chapter, its officers and members, laying aside the care and caution due in the examination of candidates, and in violation of the ancient laws and usages of the Royal Craft, had either negligently or wilfully admitted within the sacred tabernacle the aforesaid unworthy material, to the great scandal of the Craft, and the injury of its good name and fame.

Fourth—That the said parties were initiated, passed, and raised in Prudence Lodge, No. 632, between the 26th day of February and the 28th day of May, 1886; that the above facts were brought to the attention of the M. : W. : Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State, who caused inquiry to be made in relation thereto, and upon report thereof, on September 20th, 1886, suspended the warrant of said Lodge and took the same into his possession, where it now remains, pending the trial of charges against said Lodge.

I, therfore, upon the above statement of facts, which I have endeavored to condense from the original papers, excluding from the eyes of the uninitiated the names of the parties mentioned in the complaint, as well as some other matters therein unnecessary to be included in this report, issued and forwarded on Nov. 10th, 1886, my order, with a copy of the charges, to M. : E. : William Sherer, Deputy Grand High Priest, directing him as early as possible to investigate the same and report to me. Under date of November 24th, 1886, he presented me his report, stating that on the 18th inst. he had examined the records of Palestine Chapter No. 255, from which he ascertained the following facts:

First—That the Chapter held a regular convocation in the Chapter Room, Masonic Temple, New York, on the 7th of June, 1886.

Second—That the High Priest, M. : E. : John H. Conway; the King, Louis Ingwersen; the Scribe, William McClean, and a number of the companions were present at said convocation.

Third—That at said convocation, held June 7th, 1886, petitions for advancement and exaltation were received from two brothers of Prudence Lodge, No. 632, that said petitions were referred to a committee of investigation, a favorable report was made and accepted, and the said petitioners balloted for and declared elected, after which, and at the same convocation, June 7th, 1886, they were introduced, and received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the sublime degree of Royal Arch. Also from information derived from the police authorities of the city of New York, that the said petitioners were, and had been for many years, men of bad repute, their names frequently appearing in the public prints as dangerous men, which information was also confirmed by many brethren and companions in New York city, and in closing his report he called my attention to the violation of Article 53 of the Constitution, by the High Priest of Palestine Chapter, No. 255, in receiving a petition and acting thereon at the same convocation. I, therefore, issued the following order to the Deputy Grand High Priest :

GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST,

ADAMS, November 25th, 1886.

M. : E. : WM. SHERER, Deputy Grand High Priest:

*Whereas*, On the 10th of November, 1886, charges were presented to me against the officers and companions of Palestine Chapter, No. 255, of the city of New York, and on the same date I issued to you an order, stating therein the nature of the charges, directing you to investigate the same and report to me; and,

*Whereas*, Under date of November 24th, your report confirms the truth of the charges as made against the said Palestine Chapter, No. 255, as well as in addition the charge of a clear violation by the officers and companions of said Chapter of Section 53 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State.

I, therefore, by the power and authority in me vested as the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, do declare the warrant of Palestine Chapter No. 255, suspended, and forbid the officers and companions of said Chapter from doing any further acts under the same, until action shall have been taken upon the charges by the Grand Chapter; and I also further direct and empower you, as my deputy, to demand and take into your possession the warrant and book of records of the said Chapter, and the petitions of the two brothers referred to in my order of the 10th inst., the same to be delivered by you to the Grand Chapter at its next annual convocation.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year above  
[L.S.] written.

R. H. HUNTINGTON,  
*Grand High Priest.*

Under date of November 30th, 1886, M. : E. : William Sherer, Deputy Grand High Priest, advised me that in accordance with my order of November 25th, the High Priest of Palestine Chapter had surrendered and placed in his possession the warrant and records of the said Chapter, but was unable to find the petitions; that the said property was in his hands; and that the only record the Chapter had of the petitions was contained in their book of records.

While I regret that the council and companions of this Chapter should,

in the face of the reports so currently circulated regarding these petitioners, have conferred the degrees upon them. railroading them through at lightning speed, and humiliating to us as their admission to the Chapter was, it is high time when such wretched material is presented to our Chapters, that the watchman sitting at our gates should be warned of the approach of an enemy more terrible than an army with banners, an enemy that "walketh in darkness," and "wasteth at noonday." The vices practiced by these men are destructive of integrity honor, morality and true manhood. They fasten themselves upon their victims like a boa constrictor, and never loosen their hold until the last drop of honor, truth, and virtue is extracted from them, even to the marrow, leaving them outcasts forever. We flee from them as does the dove from the ravenous hawk. The only faculties possessed by such creatures are those of deception, fraud and willful falsehood, and oftentimes to cover their crimes they take the life of their victim. To make Masons of such men must prove disastrous and destructive to the welfare and usefulness of our time-honored institution, and is a practice that should be guarded against with zealous care. When material for our Temple becomes so scarce as to necessitate us to receive such as was taken by the Chapter in question, then would it be better for us to surrender our charters, close our doors, and forget our Masonic teachings.

With the papers herewith submitted, I refer the matter to the Grand Chapter, believing it to be your duty to fully and carefully investigate the charges, and so express yourselves that in the future, should another case of this kind arise, the duty of the Grand High Priest may be plain and manifest."

He approved of the commission of Comp. Horace G. Hopkins of Willard, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Section 30 of the Constitution was amended to read as follows :

"Sec. 30. A Chapter has full power and authority to enact By-Laws for its own government, not in conflict with this Constitution ; and any By-Law inconsistent therewith is absolutely void. And all the By-Laws governing the dimission of members shall embrace the principle that a companion clear of the books of his Chapter, and against whom no charges are pending, shall, on his written application, by order of the High Priest, receive a dimit without further action by the Chapter ; but the High Priest granting such dimit shall immediately report the fact to the Grand Secretary, and also to his Chapter at its next Convocation."

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is very instructive and we copy it in full :

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, having given due consideration to the matters referred to them respectfully report :

That they approve of the decision of the Grand High Priest upon the question presented to him by Dunkirk Chapter, No. 191, with the qualification, however, that the term "honorary" therein used shall be taken to describe members, who, for any reason, are exempted from the payment of Chapter dues. But your Committee respectfully suggests that the term "honorary" should be used to describe only those Royal Arch Masons who,



while active members of one Chapter, are elected to honorary, *i. e.*, complimentary membership, in another Chapter; and in order to prevent a question again arising as to honorary membership, as thus defined, they recommend the adoption of a General Regulation to the effect of the one hereto appended. The regulation thus proposed is substantially the same as the one now in force in the Grand Lodge.

In this view, and under the definition of honorary membership, your Committee approve of the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that a Chapter should not be permitted to place any of its members on its honorary list; but, nevertheless, it is their opinion that there should be no abridgement of the right of any Chapter to exempt any of its members, at any time, from the payment to it of annual dues.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the decision of the Grand High Priest upon the question asked by Comp. Macy of Pulaski Chapter, is in substantial conformity with Section 21 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, under which there can be no doubt that the charter members of a new Chapter are such of the petitioning companions as choose to remain with the Chapter, and such companions as have united with it whilst acting under dispensation.

From the decision of the Grand High Priest upon the case presented by Comp. Ahlstrom, of Americus Chapter, No. 215, your Committee regret to be obliged to record their dissent.

The case was that of

“A companion having been tried by his Chapter under charges preferred against him, and on the report of the commission, expelled by the Chapter from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, appeals to the Grand High Priest from the decision of the Chapter. The appeal being sustained and the decision of the Chapter being reversed and set aside, the Chapter then appealing to the Grand Chapter from the decision of the Grand High Priest. Question: During the pendency of the appeal to the Grand Chapter, from the decision of the Grand High Priest, can the companion dimit?”

I replied: “That a Chapter having appealed to the Grand Chapter from the decision of the Grand High Priest, when the case in point was expulsion from the Chapter and all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, that the companion could not dimit during the pendency and action on appeal to the Grand Chapter.”

Your Committee find themselves unable to reach this conclusion. It is their opinion that the companion having been restored to all his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason by the decision of the Grand High Priest reversing the proceedings by which he was expelled from his Chapter, had then the right to dimit, and that such right could not be defeated by an appeal taken by his Chapter from the decision of the Grand High Priest. The appeal cannot give life or vigor to proceedings by which he was condemned, after such proceedings have been pronounced a nullity by competent authority.

It is right to state here that Comp. Wilder, who had been counsel in this case, did not participate with the Committee in the consideration of the question.

Your Committee regret to say that in regard to the decision of the Grand High Priest on the case brought to his notice by Comp. Conklin of Corinthian Chapter, No. 159, they are not unanimous in their opinion. A



majority of the Committee feel disposed to approve of the decision of the Grand High Priest, but Comps. Morrison and Wilder do not concur and will therefore present to the Grand Chapter a dissenting report.

The case as stated to the Grand High Priest was the following :

“On Thursday, October 14th, Bro. Ernest Deher of Prudence Lodge, was proposed in Corinthian Chapter, No. 159, for the Degrees of the Chapter, M. W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master of Masons of the State, having suspended Prudence Lodge by depriving it of its warrant. What position does that place the said Ernest Deher in, and what action should the Chapter take, it having received the petition and appointed the usual committee?”

The decision of the Grand High Priest was expressed in these words :

“The Grand Master having suspended the warrant of Prudence Lodge until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the membership of the Lodge must necessarily be affected by such suspension, and Corinthian Chapter, No. 159, having received the petition of a member of said Lodge during the cessation of its warrant, should suspend further action on the petition, awaiting the decision of the Grand Lodge.”

The majority of your Committee, whilst approving of the decision of the Grand High Priest, and for the reason stated in his address, are of the opinion that no Master Mason can be held to be in good standing, whilst the Lodge, to which he belongs, is not itself in good standing unless indeed the act which places the Lodge under disability, exempts the brother from the necessary consequences of such disability. In this case it does not appear that Grand Master Lawrence, in suspending the warrant of Prudence Lodge, made any exception or reservation whatever from its operation.

The visitation of Chapters, under the plan adopted by the Grand High Priest in pursuance of the recommendation of the Grand Chapter at the last Convocation, seems to your Committee to involve an amount of time, labor and travel not to be reasonably expected from the Grand officers. Undoubtedly there should be some way devised by which the Grand High Priest can be informed of the condition of Chapters throughout the State, from time to time. It is especially desirable that the weak bodies should be visited, their officers encouraged by better work and such advice and information afforded them as will tend to make their work more efficient. This, it seems to your Committee, can best be accomplished by an officer specially charged with the duty, who should be at all times prepared to carry out the instructions of the Grand High Priest relative thereto. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the Grand Lecturer, in addition to his present duties, shall hereafter act as visitor under the instruction of the Grand High Priest, the expense of such visitations not to exceed an amount to be fixed by the Grand Chapter.

In respect to the resolution offered by the Grand Secretary and referred to your Committee, at the morning session of the second day of this Convocation, they beg leave to say that they are unable to find any objection to the proposition therein contained, but believe that it will supply an important want in the legislation of the Grand Chapter. They therefore recommend the adoption of the proposition contained in said resolution, as General Regulation, Section 13.

The following are the General Regulations submitted by your Committee :

Section 12. No companion shall be a member of two Chapters at the

same time ; provided, however, that a Chapter at a stated Convocation, and by unanimous ballot, upon a proposition received at the previous stated Convocation, may confer honorary membership upon any companion who at that time shall be a member in good standing of some other warranted Chapter ; but an honorary member of a Chapter shall not vote therein.

Section 13. Members in good standing of a Chapter whose warrant has been or may hereafter be surrendered or forfeited, on application to the Grand Secretary shall be furnished with limits or such other evidence of good standing as will enable them to affiliate with other Chapters ; provided their dues have been paid to the Chapter or to the Grand Secretary, to the date of such surrender or forfeiture."

The Report on Correspondence is again by Comp. Darius A. Ogden, and is as excellent as usual. Canada for 1886 receives due notice.

M. E. Comp. William Sherer, (Brooklyn), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, (Buffalo), G. S

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation, Fayetteville, May 25th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. George W. Blount, G. H. P.

He reports one new Chapter.

He believes that the imperfect knowledge of the work on the part of the officers is the most serious hindrance to the growth and prosperity of Capitular Masonry. He thinks that this knowledge must be imparted by oral instruction, which necessitates teachers, who must devote time and study to it. These teachers must be compensated for their services and the Chapters must do this or else the Grand Chapter must do it.

Comp. James Southgate reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1885.

M. E. Comp. Charles R. Jones, (Charlotte), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Donald W. Bain, (Raleigh), G. S.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

Seventeenth Annual Convocation, Halifax, June 1st, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Henry D. Deblois, G. H. P.

Ten out of twelve Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest visited all the Chapters in the jurisdiction, (outside of Newfoundland), with two exceptions. He opened a new Chapter at Summerside, P. E. I. Full details are given of the condition of the Chapters visited, and

in nearly every instance one or more of the Degrees were exemplified for his inspection.

On New Brunswick, he says :

“Some desultory correspondence has taken place with regard to inviting the Royal Arch Chapters in New Brunswick, at present without any Grand Chapter, strictly speaking, to amalgamate under our own Grand Chapter, thus forming one strong Grand Chapter for all the Maritime Provinces, and largely increasing our influence ; but it needs some action on the part of this Grand Chapter to give prominence and authority to the requisite proceedings, and I am inclined to think that any recommendation or request from this Grand Chapter towards effecting such a very desirable consummation would be favorably entertained by the different Chapters in our sister province.”

From the report of the retiring Grand Secretary, Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, we learn that there has been a continued increase in numbers, work and finances during the year, which has been the most satisfactory of any during his incumbency of the office.

M. E. Comp. Henry D. Deblois, (Annapolis), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Benjamin Curren, (Halifax), G. S.

### OREGON.

Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation, Portland, June 14th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. James K. Weatherford, G. H. P., reports the Craft in a healthy and prosperous condition, with sufficient new and suitable material to add zest and give employment to the laborers.

One new Chapter was formed.

On decisions, he says :

“I have been called upon to make but few decisions of law or usage. I submit the following :

“Has a Subordinate Chapter the right to make honorary members?”

To which I answered, “Yes. But it is a right that Chapters should not exercise except in meritorious cases. When the companion has labored long and faithful and, through reverses, left in old age without a competency, I can see no valid objection to the Chapter lifting the burden of annual dues off of his shoulders. In fact, I think it is in keeping with the broad spirit of Masonic charity to do so.”

The laws, rules and usages in this jurisdiction are so well settled by past legislation, and the wise decisions of my predecessors, that the duties, so far as making official decisions, have rested very lightly upon my shoulders. And I trust the same strict observance of the usages, as well as a careful enforcement of the laws and regulations may continue to be the practice of the officers of the various Chapters. Too much information

on Masonic subjects, however, can not be obtained, and each and every Chapter in Oregon can, and would be, benefitted by the companions reading more Masonic literature than has been read in the past. I trust that each High Priest will make it a part of his duties to assist the companions in obtaining, and encourage the faithful reading, of Masonic writings. The institution of Masonry, from the ground work to the highest round in the Masonic structure, rests upon the intelligence and virtue of its votaries. As a rule the interest of the craftsman can be gauged by the amount of Masonic knowledge he possesses. Especially and peculiarly is that true of Royal Arch Masons. If we would have workmen of whom we need not be ashamed we should assist them in the quarries of Masonic literature."

The following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That the regular order of business at each Annual Convocation, immediately following the reports of our Grand Officers, shall be the reception and greeting of, and the hearing of addresses from, Grand Representatives accredited to this Grand Chapter from other Grand Jurisdictions."

*Resolved*, That the resolution of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, heretofore adopted by this Grand Chapter, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, in the hope that mediation may remove all cause for such action.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter will cordially second the efforts of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in its attempt to harmonize the matters at issue between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and promises its hearty co-operation in whatever may be necessary to bring about the desired result."

Companion Thomas McF. Patton addressed the Grand Chapter concerning the condition of Freemasonry in Japan, which was listened to with great interest.

Comp. R. W. Hill presented another most admirable report on correspondence. We copy his very able remarks on the effect of lodge suspension for non-payment of dues :

"Under the head of Arkansas, he quotes a decision that 'a Mason suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of dues can sit in the Chapter' disapprovingly, and asks the M. E. Companion who makes the decision 'how he can, in view of his Masonic covenant, sit in a Masonic Body or hold Masonic intercourse with a suspended Mason.' Perhaps the answer may say that there is no violation of the Masonic covenant in the case. An offence against the By-Laws of a particular Lodge is not, *per se*, an offence against the regulations of the Chapter. Suspension from the privileges connected with a particular Lodge does not necessarily imply suspension from all the privileges of Masonry, within the meaning of the O. B. There are general privileges and special ones as well. The former depend upon a Mason's relation to the Craft as a whole, while the latter depend upon his relation to a special Lodge or Chapter, it is possible to retain the first, while losing the second. Suspension from Lodge privileges for non-payment of dues does not always carry with it suspension from all

other rights, and for this reason a suspended Mason should not be cut off from his Chapter without due process and investigation."

Canada for 1885 receives a good notice.

On physical qualifications, he says :

"How long will the Grand Chapters wrestle with this problem of qualifications? If we were living in the day of brute force, when "might was right," it would do to insist on the physical perfection of the applicants for the Degrees ; but in this enlightened age the forces which are directing the world are those which can be separated from perfect physical development. We trust in these days to the power of intellect and to the influence of morality to civilize and restrain. The day of the sword and shield are gone and, it is to be hoped, forever. The power and usefulness of men are now determined by the vigor of their intellect, and by the influence of moral motives in their life. A man like the Boston "slugger," Sullivan, is physically a perfect man, but when we compare him in manly qualities with the famous Georgian, Alexander H. Stephens, whose whole life was spent in pain, does he not sink into utter insignificance. And yet,

Oh ! lame and impotent conclusion,"

Stephens would not have been eligible to the Degrees, according to the usual interpretations of the requirements. If any obstacle stands in the way of true manhood and worthy life receiving all the honors which are within the gift of the Royal Craft, it is time to remove it."

Also the following on the liquor traffic :

"It seems to be a poor conception of Masonry which will lead to a defense of the traffic in intoxicants. Fortunately for the honor of Masonry, the doctrines above set forth and endorsed by the Grand Chapter of Louisiana are not those which obtain generally, if we are to trust the drift of late enactments and decisions, as well as the utterances of Masonic leaders. In Oregon the doctrine of temperance has been affirmed again and again. In this special matter of selling liquor, it is a penal offence, punishable by expulsion, to engage in the business, either as bar-keeper or proprietor. While there may be a question as to the right, morally considered, of the State to pass a prohibitory law, there can be no question as to the duty of the Masonic Fraternity to denounce all kinds of employment which are destructive to the best interests of the individual who engages therein, as well as of those of the people who are affected by the business. But enough on this matter, only let us hope that the Grand Chapter of Louisiana will revise its decision on this important topic and come into line with the highest principles of Masonry."

We would gladly give more extracts from this excellent review, but space forbids.

M. E. Comp. Wallace Baldwin, (Corvallis), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart, (Salem), G. S.



## QUEBEC.

Tenth Annual Convocation, Montreal, January 25th, 1887.

M. E. Comp. John P. Noyes, Grand Z., delivered a most interesting address. On the state of the craft at home, he says :

“Official action has not been invoked during the year in any way or shape. Peace has existed and harmony prevailed in all our Chapters. No local strife has distracted companions from the important work of conducting zealously and fraternally the affairs of Capitular Masonry in their respective Chapters. In about the average proportion the membership has increased during the year, and if we are not numerically strong, we can congratulate ourselves on the fact that the *personnel* is all that could be desired, and that we accomplish all that could be expected, owing to the peculiarities of our position as a people in this Province.”

He has the following on ritual :

“This matter was referred once more, at our last Convocation, to a Special Committee and their report will, no doubt, be submitted to you. I reiterate my approval of the recommendation of my predecessor, as to the advisability of the adoption of the ritual sanctioned by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and generally used in that country. Whilst frankly confessing to a strong preference for our own ritual, personal experience and observation convince me that a change is desirable in the direction indicated. There are excellent reasons for the proposed change. The communication of Quebec Masons with Masons of other jurisdictions is more extensive with those to the south of us, than with others. The ritual in use there is not ours. In England, the Chapter Degree is solely the Royal Arch, and is connected with a Blue Lodge. The Mark Degree is controlled by another body, and the intermediate degrees are not included in either organization. English ritualistic work could only relate to two of our degrees and in those there are some differences in details from ours. Our mother Grand Chapter of Canada adopted the American *curriculum* of four degrees and adjusted the English and American works respectively to the altered circumstances, in so far as it could. The changes since made have been towards independent work, rather than towards the work of either of the Grand Chapters named. This Grand Chapter has adopted the ritual of the Grand Chapter of Canada and it is now in use in all our Chapters but one. I am informed that the Grand Chapter of Canada has adopted recently a new ritual, so that some change is going on. Unless Quebec still follows in her path she must remain more isolated than she now is in that respect.

We undertake to supply to applicants for our degrees sufficient knowledge to permit them to participate in the benefits of R. A. Masonry, wheresoever they may go, and failure so to do on our part is not creditable nor just. It is not without difficulty that our R. A. Masons gain admission to American Chapters, on the instruction given in our Chapters, and the Masonic privileges the American R. A. Masons accord our companions there depends very much on the fraternal kindness of the American companions. The obstacles in the way of communication amount almost to



a bar. Association with other jurisdictions is, I think, highly desirable. Masonic knowledge is in that way increased, and any tendency to narrowness, which isolation might be likely to create, would be more readily avoided. I am led to believe that a considerable number of members of Grand Chapter have never seen the American ritualistic work exemplified, and are not, therefore, in the best position to decide as to its merits as a ritual, apart from consideration of faculty for personal or inter jurisdictional intercourse. Golden Rule Chapter has always used the American work. It is not only the oldest, but one of the most prosperous of our Chapters. To assist the committee, and enable Grand Chapter to see the American work, I have invited R. E. Comp. Addie, High Priest, and the officers of Golden Rule Chapter, to exemplify their work at this Convocation, and they have generously accepted the invitation, though at much inconvenience to themselves. You will thus be able to estimate the merits and demerits of their work, as compared with the one in use under the sanction of this Grand Chapter, and your decision will thereby be more likely to be followed with an intelligent and practical result. It was for that purpose I ventured upon requesting the companions of Golden Rule to exemplify their work before Grand Chapter. They come, not as propagandists of any special ritual, but in obedience to a special invitation—almost a command. It was with some hesitation that they accepted, through a fear that their motives and actions might be misunderstood. A serious financial burden will be imposed upon them, apart from personal sacrifices by those attending, which I trust this Grand Chapter will assume, or at least share, if its means will warrant, as in some degree a recognition of the fraternal and generous spirit actuating those companions in response to the request to aid Grand Chapter in determining the question of rituals. I thank them in advance and extend to them the fraternal courtesies of Grand Chapter.”

Comp. Noyes thus describes his visit to Washington :

“In September last, in fulfilment of the mandate of Grand Chapter, I attended the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at Washington, accompanied by M. E. Comp. Stearns, as delegate by substitution for the Grand Scribe, who was unable to attend, and M. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the Grand Representative of the G. C. of the District of Columbia near this Grand Chapter. Nor were we the only Canadians present at that Convocation, as, from the sister Province of Ontario, came M. E. Comp. Sargant, Grand Z. of the G. C. of Canada; M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, G. M. of G. L. of Canada, and R. E. Comp. Davidson, of Toronto. We were received and fraternally welcomed in General Grand Chapter officially, and were overwhelmed with the unbounded hospitalities, generous attentions and unfailing civilities of the members of General Grand Chapter, and in particular by those of the Grand Chapters of Maryland and the District of Columbia, who vied with each other in generous rivalry in devising measures for the pleasure and comfort of those attending that Convocation.”

The difficulties with the Grand Mark Lodge and the Grand Chapter of England remain as before.

It was decided to limit the term of office of representatives from other Grand Chapters to three years.

The Ritual Committee were granted another year to report.

In recognition of their valuable services rendered, the following companions were made honorary members of the Grand Chapter: John M. Carter, of Baltimore; Jose M. Yznaga, of Washington, and Alfred A. Hall, of Vermont.

The following resolutions were adopted :

“That the M. E. Grand Z. appoint a Special Committee to extend the devotion and congratulations of this Grand Chapter, in commemoration of this year’s jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, as suggested in the annual address, and endorsed by the committee on said address.

That inasmuch as R. E. Comp. David Seath, G. S. E. has declined to accept the money vote of Grand Chapter during the past two sessions. the M. E. the Grand Z. be requested to appoint a committee to procure and present to R. E. Comp. Seath. on behalf of this Grand Chapter, a suitable testimonial as a souvenir for his services as Grand Scribe E. during the past four years

That the special committee on Ritual prepare the work for the opening and closing of Grand Chapter and the installation of officers.”

The Grand Z., M. E. Comp. John P. Noyes, was re-elected, as was also R. E. Comp. David Seath, G. S. E., both, however, declined the honor.

The report on correspondence is by Companions C. A. Humphrey, E. D. T. Chambers and M. B. Schofield, each taking a part of the work. Canada for 1886 receives due notice. We copy their summary of the support accorded to the Grand Chapter :

“Grand Chapters who have passed resolutions forbidding all intercourse with the Grand Mark Lodge of England, or with English Mark Masons—*fourteen*, viz :

Canada, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Louisanna, Minnesota.

Grand Chapters who have passed resolutions that Mark Master Masons holding certificates under Quebec should be alone recognized.—*two*, viz :

Connecticut, Iowa.

Grand Chapters who have passed resolutions endorsing and upholding Québec’s action—*ten*, viz ;

Colorado, General Grand Chapter of the United States, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Nova Scotia, Dakota.

Grand Chapters who have passed resolutions requesting the Grand Lodge of M. M. Masons of England and Wales to withdraw from Quebec territory—*seven*, viz. :

Arkansas, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Michigan

Grand Chapters who have referred the subject to the General Grand Chapter—*seven*, viz.:

Alabama, California, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, New York.

Grand Chapters who have referred the subject to committees, and who have not as yet reported—*one*, viz.:

Rhode Island.

Grand Chapters not heard from—*three*, viz.:

Tennessee, West Virginia, Washington Territory.”

M. E. Comp. Edson Fitch (Quebec), Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. Joseph Mitchell, (Montreal), G. S. E.

### RHODE ISLAND.

Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation, Providence, March 9th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Edward L. Freeman, G. H. P., reports the Chapters in a good Condition, and no cases of discipline or appeals. On the work, he says:

“There has also been a renewed interest in the work that is encouraging. I have witnessed its rendering in several Chapters and have been much pleased with the spirit and feeling that has been shown by the officers and members, and I am especially glad to report that there has been a gradual modification of some of the ways and methods of imparting instruction that have in the past seemed to me much more striking than elevating, and little calculated to fill the mind of the candidate with instructive and ennobling thoughts. It is needless that I should repeat here that every such modification has my warmest approval, and seems to point to the time when the principal object in conferring the degrees will be to give the candidate Masonic light, rather than to afford recreation to the companions.”

Dakota and Washington were recognized.

The Proceedings are very brief.

M. E. Comp. Henry W. Rugg, (Providence), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. W. R. Greene, (Providence), G. S.

### TENNESSEE.

Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation, Nashville, January 24th, 1887.

M. E. Comp. Bradford Nichol, G. H. P.

He formed one new Chapter.

We take the following from his address:

"My correspondence during the year has embraced nearly every Grand Jurisdiction. Capitular Masonry, I rejoice to state, is in prosperous condition everywhere in this broad country of ours.

On February 22nd, I addressed letters to each of our Grand Visitors, asking them the following questions :

1. Does each Chapter in your district work regularly ?
2. Can I be of any service in visiting you ?
3. Do you need more Chapters ?
4. Has each Chapter a "book of M——" ?
5. Are your officers proficient in the work ?

Answer the foregoing and give me any information that may tend to the good of the Order, and lend your earnest co-operation in the noble work of repairing and rebuilding our waste places.

Hearty and ready responses came from each quarter.

On March 25th I again called attention to the necessity of prompt, energetic work. It has been my pleasure to communicate with every Chapter time and again. I have endeavored to bring forth latent virtues, to encourage the weak and solidify the larger bodies. That these endeavors are abundantly successful can be corroborated by the multitude of letters of encouragement from all parts of this jurisdiction. I am fully persuaded that the year 1887 will add hundreds to our ranks by initiation and more yet by affiliation ; above this, more than a score of Most Excellent High Priests indicate in their letters, that their Chapters are now more generally attended, and a warmer interest developed, than known for years. All this I believe portends good to the Royal Craft hereabouts. Peace, harmony and fraternal regard prevades."

The sum of \$100 was appropriated to the Nashville library,

M. E. Comp. W. R. Shaver, (New Middleton), G. H. P.  
R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, (Nashville), G. S.

#### TEXAS.

Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation, Houston, December 8th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. Haston Twomey, G. H. P.

Five new Chapters were formed.

We copy his decisions, as they contain some novel points :

"1. The High Priest of Bellville Chapter writes, in substance, that at their stated Convocation, in February last, he not being able to attend, the King opened the Chapter, and when the minutes were read they were for the October Convocation, which left three months unaccounted for, and he immediately closed the Chapter, deciding that they had forfeited their charter by not having met for the last three months. He says that after thinking over the matter they had held a meeting in November, and that the minutes must have been lost. This was also signed by the King and Scribe, and they asked me what they must do under the circumstances.

I answered to substitute the minutes of the November Convocation as best they could from memory, and record those of the February Convocation.

2. The question has been asked several times about holding elections in our Subordinate Chapters; in some of the Chapters their regular Convocations occur after the twenty-fourth of the month. This does not make any difference only in June, when they desire to install on that day. I supposed that it was the intention of the law-makers to have arranged it so, and the rule of our Grand Lodge being the same, I answered to hold the election at the last stated Convocation before the twenty-fourth of June.

3 I received a communication from the High Priest of El Paso Chapter, dated March 29, stating that there were a good many Master Masons running on railroads into Mexico, and that they had received the degrees in Mexico, and there being no Chapter there, that they were anxious to take the Royal Arch and Appendant Degrees in his Chapter, and he asked my advice on the subject.

*Answer.*—The question turns entirely on the question of domicile. According to our law, if their homes are in Texas, then they are the material of the nearest Chapter to which they reside.

This presents a new question, and will doubtless soon have to be met by this Grand Chapter; that is in regard to the organization of Chapters in that unoccupied territory. I think, according to the usages of the Order, that we, as a Grand Chapter, have the right to organize Chapters in that territory, provided that it is not occupied by any other Grand jurisdiction.

4. The High Priest of Waco Chapter, No. 45, asks what is to be taken into consideration in recommending the petition of a new Chapter in regard to distance, an air line or the nearest traveled road?

*Answer.*—The nearest traveled practical road.

5. The Secretary of Denison Chapter, No. 135, asks: Can a Master Mason who has been elected to the Royal Arch Degree in another jurisdiction, and moves away before taking the degrees, apply and receive the degrees in this jurisdiction?

*Answer.*—No. The same rule applies in election to degrees that does in rejection, so far as jurisdiction is concerned.

A companion writes me that he has been elected High Priest of his Chapter, and is anxious to learn the work of our Grand Chapter; and if we have a key to the work he would like to know where to obtain it. I answered him that we had a committee of five who had the work, and was authorized to impart it to any Chapter that desired them to do so, and gave him their names.

While on this subject, I would most respectfully recommend that our Grand Visitors be required to visit each Chapter in their respective districts at least once a year, to impart the work, for I find in several places what purports to be a key to the work in Royal Arch Masonry, and so far as I am concerned, I cannot see what benefit is to be derived from it. In the first place, a Mason has to be well versed in the work before he can understand it, and secondly, I consider it a violation of the landmarks of Masonry, and I think this Grand Chapter should take high ground on this subject of keys."

The following is the report of the Committee on work :

“ Your Committee on Work most respectfully report that as required by the Edicts of this Grand Body, we met at the Grand Chapter room on the first day of December and continued in session for one week ; that we have faithfully and industriously endeavored to impart the work in all its branches to those applying ; that there have been an unusual number of delegates before us for instruction ; that the delegates have been exceedingly zealous and untiring in their efforts to obtain the work. And your Committee are of the opinion that their labors have resulted in great good to the Craft.

The total expenses of the five members of the committee have been \$168.50.”

All Subordinate Chapters must hereafter hold their election of officers at their stated Convocation preceeding the 24th June.

M. E. Comp. B. F. Frymier, (Crockett), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster, (Houston), G. S.

#### 1886.

Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation, Houston, December 14th, 1886.

The Grand High Priest reports two new Chapters.

A resolution was adopted approving of the action of Quebec in suspending intercourse with the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Full instruction was given in all the degrees by the Committee on Work, who were in attendance during the entire week preceding the opening of the Grand Chapter.

A motion was offered to repeal the resolution of 1861, which dissolved all connection with the General Grand Chapter, This motion was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported adversely and their report was adopted.

M. E. Comp. W. L. Sartwell, (Comanche), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster, (Houston), G. S.

#### VERMONT.

Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation, Burlington, June 11th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Kittredge Haskins, G. H. P.

His address contains a fitting eulogium on the late lamented companion, Edward S. Dana, P. G. H. P., and for many years Chairman of Correspondence. “ He was a kind friend, an



effectionate husband, an indulgent father and an honest man." His many contributions to Masonic literature had made him widely known and deservedly esteemed as a faithful and zealous craftsman.

Comp. Haskins is in favor of the continuance of the district system, as to the zealous labors of the District Deputies, he attributes the present improvement and prosperity of the Chapters.

A question of jurisdiction having arisen between two Chapters, Comp. Haskins gives the history of the case and winds up as follows :

" This Grand Chapter has not, by any general regulation, defined the territorial limits of its respective Subordinate bodies. The rule by which our several Subordinate Chapters seem to have been governed, relating to their respective territorial jurisdictions, is that which existed here long before a railroad was dreamed of as among the things of the future, and has been acquiesced in, no doubt, ever since the organization of the Grand Chapter, that is, a division of the territory just half way air-line distance between the Chapters.

We are early taught that Masonry is a progressive science ; and while we do not abate one jot or tittle of the ancient landmarks and usages which pertain to *essentials*, yet in matters of *non-essentials*, I firmly believe that Masonry should be made to keep pace with the ever-changing and improved conditions of society. The railroad, as a means of communication, has taken the place of the slow stage coach of our fathers, and has shortened time and space.

What was once the "shortest route," as applied to everything except Masonry, has under the new order of things become the longest. I believe that this question of territorial jurisdiction should never be determined by the answer which may be given to the question, "which is the shortest route from the applicant's place of residence?" but by the answer to this other question, "which is the nearest and most practicable route?" If this be so, then certainly Poultney Chapter, No. 10, nor your Grand High Priest, has transgressed no Masonic law. I commend this subject to your careful consideration, and trust you will be able to settle the differences which have arisen between these two Chapters in a way that shall insure perfect and continued peace in the future."

We are not yet prepared to give up the "air-line" practice. It is simple, convenient, and by it the relative distances can easily be ascertained and disputes are seldom raised. Of course, in some peculiar situations, the shortest route from the candidate's place of residence is not the most practicable route. But there will be more disputes and more questions raised as to the most practicable or convenient route than there can be where the air-line is the only guide. For instance, take two Chapters on the same line of railway. The trains run *from* one in the evening and *to* the other. A candidate living

within five miles of the one would find it more convenient to go twenty-five miles to the other. Then the railway company change their time tables, and the case is just reversed and the balance of convenience would be the other way. We are afraid that the introduction of any other practice than that of the "air-line" guide would only be productive of disputes and the jurisdiction of Masonic bodies would be so unsettled that complaints would be more frequent and not so easily adjusted.

The Grand Chapter resolved that this matter be placed in the hands of the Committee on Charters, for action at the next meeting.

The Grand Chapter endorsed the action of Quebec, but declined to issue an edict of non-intercourse with England.

The Report on Correspondence of Comp. Dana was completed by Comp. Frederick S. Fisher. Our Proceedings of 1885 are noticed.

M. E. Comp. Kittredge Haskins, (Brattleboro), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb, (Burlington), G. S.

### VIRGINIA.

Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation, Richmond, Nov. 17th, 1886.

M. E. Comp. R. T. Craighill, G. H. P.

In his address, he says :

"Whether from apathy among the Chapters, or general satisfaction with the rulings of the District Deputy Grand Lecturers, or from whatever cause, I have to report that no questions of law or Masonic usage have been submitted to me during the year. Whilst there exists, unquestionably, undue apathy in the Order, yet we need not be discouraged nor argue unfavorably from it, seeing that the relation of natural cause and effect is so apparent. The activity of Masonry always languishes in greater or less degree in times of profound peace and security. It is only when serious trouble comes, or is threatened, that, knit together by a common peril, the sleepers arouse under the thrill of mystic fellowship moving with electric impulse through their ranks. Moreover, Capitular Masonry is essentially a sedate and conservative Order, standing as the connecting link between the practical activity of the Blue Lodge and the studied pageantry of the Orders of Knighthood. Essential to the symmetry of the one, it is no less essential to the Masonic life and being of the other ; and woe betide the day when either Order sees but darkly the indissoluble tie.

The pregnant cause of scant affiliation in our Chapters, however, is a regulation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, dispensing with Templars' enforced membership in Chapters. This is an evil which it is hoped will shortly right itself, but *if not*, all well-read Templars know that there are reserved powers residing in the Order of the Chapter, whose retaliatory exercise would prove potential."

There are thirty Chapters, the highest number being fifty-eight, (showing twenty-eight Chapters that have been, but are not,) 104 exaltations and 1,323 members.

There are nine District Deputy Grand Lecturers and reports were read from five of these officers. One reports a continued and marked interest in Capitular Masonry. Another, that they have had work in some of the degrees nearly every meeting and that they have lately introduced the use of the "scioptican" in conferring the degrees, which adds greatly to the interest of the companions. Number six says:

"The great monetary stringency of the times has, in large measure, deterred many young active Master Masons from being exalted."

In district number 7, the interest manifested in most of the Chapters is a sufficient guarantee as to the future prosperity of the Craft.

The Committee on the Address say:

"We congratulate the Grand Chapter that, so great has been the peace and harmony throughout the jurisdiction, and so efficient have been the District Deputy Grand Lecturers, that it has been unnecessary to submit to the Grand High Priest any question of law or usage for his official decision.

We now come to what is, perhaps, the most important portion of the Grand High Priest's most admirable address, viz.: The relation of a Knight Templar to his Lodge and Chapter. On this subject your Committee most heartily concur in the views expressed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest; at the same time we think we see in Virginia the remedy for this evil, which has been so disastrous to our Chapters.

We are informed that the Grand Commandery of Virginia, fully impressed with the importance of this subject, have taken such action as will secure its remedy."

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, who resumes this department after eight years' silence. This event is hailed by the Grand High Priest, "with all the joy of Polar Regions at the reappearance of the sun." Canada for 1886 receives kindly mention.

On the subject of official visitations, he says:

"In this he is to be commended and followed. It is a "point well taken," an example "well set." Say what you please about official dignity, yet there is that in an official visit to a Subordinate Chapter which gives zest to the occasion and stirs up feelings of affection for the institution which mayhap have been dormant in the breast of its members. It is a practical evidence to them of an interest in their welfare. It encourages them to greater effort. Indeed, it is the one thing essential to peace, harmony and prosperity. While such is the case there are many worthy, enthusiastic and devoted Grand High Priests who can neither spare the

time from the demands made upon them by their daily pursuits, and others, who, if they had the time and disposition to do, cannot spare the means. Either of these reasons afford abundant excuse for delinquency. We know of nothing in Masonry which requires a member to neglect his business or his other duties. We are to do our best in his behalf; there "all the honor lies." The other members of the Council appear to have been equally diligent in the discharge of the duties assigned to them, and they are entitled to equal commendation."

His conclusion is excellent :

"There are few disturbing elements throughout the Country. Except for the Quebec muddle and the A. and A. S. R. contentions, all would be peace and harmony. With the first of these we have nothing more to do save to express our regrets that it exists. With the last, *as* Royal Arch Masons, we conceive we have nothing to do. We regret, most deeply regret, to read the personalities and accusations made by the different aspirants to establish their respective claims to "Simon pure-ship." In our opinion the use of such appellations are "miserable liars," "knaveish scoundrels," "lying, impudent, brassy falsehoods," &c., &c., are not calculated to give force, or impressiveness, or conviction to an argument. If such things are in the A. and A. S. R. Ritual, we have nothing more to say, except to advise a revision and purgation. We never joke on matters Masonic; they are too serious and solemn for jokes. We claim nothing for our institution save and except that it is the most perfect work resulting from human effort. We do not regard it as a religion, such as will ensure safety to its professors in the world to come; but we do regard it as the next best thing—an aid, a handmaid, a stepping stone to such a religion. Hence when we see expressions as quoted in print and "scattered around promiscuously," we feel hurt to our innermost soul. They do no good; no, not even to the writers. They do them and their cause harm. They inflict an incalculable injury on our institution which we *all* profess, and some do *really* love. "Haul in your horns," recall your angry and ill-timed accusations, and for the future, while mourning over past offences and being truly penitent therefor, let us realize and let the world see 'how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'"

M. E. Comp. Philo Bradley, (Harrisonburg), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William B. Isaacs, (Richmond), G. S.

### WASHINGTON.

Second Annual Convocation, Olympia, May 31st, 1886.

M. E. Comp. Andrew McCalley G. H. P.

The Grand Secretary was presented with a beautiful ebony, gold-headed cane, as a slight appreciation of his services to the Grand Chapter, which have been so well and faithfully rendered without recompense.

The Grand High Priest appointed E. Comp. Hugh Murray as their Representative near Canada.

He formed four new Chapters.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1885.

M. E. Comp. Andrew McCally, (Walla Walla), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G. S.

### WEST VIRGINIA.

Fifteenth Annual Convocation, Wheeling, November 9th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. Andrew J. Stone, G. H. P.

On the state of the Craft, he says :

"I have no means of ascertaining the gain or loss in membership this year. Have no report from any Subordinate Chapter, as to what has been done. The efforts of my predecessor to get this and other information, taught me it was perhaps useless to ask for it. Some Secretaries would reply promptly and willingly, others take no notice of the request, thinking no doubt we had the information in the annual report, but forgetting that it came too late to be of any use to the Grand High Priest. But, judging by other institutions and enterprises, the political excitement of the year, business depression, the scarcity of money, want of employment, &c., the year has been anything but a prosperous one, and that we may congratulate ourselves that we are fortunate if we have held our own, not retrograded. That if we have, we have done well. Our Committee on Returns will show. Possibly it would be well if the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters were required to report gains, losses and other information to the Grand High Priest, to enable him to make up an intelligent report."

Dakota was recognized.

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare a blank form of questions as to membership, work and finance to be sent to Subordinate Chapters, and (after being filled by the Secretary) forwarded to the Grand High Priest not less than ten days before the Annual Convocation."

The Grand Secretary declined re-election, and was thereupon elevated to the Grand East.

M. E. Comp. Odell S. Long, G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William H. Riggs, G. S.

Sixteenth Annual Convocation, Wheeling, November 8th 1886.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. O. S. Long, was absent through illness. He formed two new Chapters, and reports the Craft in an improved condition.

M. E. Comp. W. G. Bennett, (Weston), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John W. Morris, (Wheeling), G. S.



## WISCONSIN.

Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation, Milwaukee, February 15th, 1887.

M. E. Comp. S. H. Alban, G. H. P.

He reports that action had been taken to ensure uniformity of work, but the details of the procedure adopted are not given. He formed two new Chapters. On the state of the Order, he says :

“Official duties of another nature, and imperative in their demands, have prevented me from making personal visitations, and thus ascertaining, by observation, the condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the jurisdiction. But from the reports of the Grand Lecturer, and from other reliable sources, I am satisfied that the Order is fairly prosperous ; and while the aggregate amount of work accomplished during the past year has not been very large, the quality has been good, and in the highest sense the Order is progressing. The portals of our mystic temple are guarded with increasing vigilance, and the material which is being added to the structure is of superior quality. The practical relations and applications of Masonry are more and more assimilating to the “divine precepts contained in the Book of the Law,” and I cannot but indulge the hope that the time will soon come when the religion of Christ and the morality of Masonry will indeed go hand in hand, and in that union, real as well as symbolical, the last reproach upon our noble Order shall disappear for ever. ‘Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished.’”

Comp. M. L. Youngs, the Grand Lecturer, visited 30 Chapters and found the interest and attendance better than for years before. The Chapters visited are as a whole in a prosperous condition and most of them doing a fair amount of work.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. W. C. Swain, and notices our proceedings of 1886. He hopes that the delegates of our new Chapter at Melbourne, Australia, will attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter regularly.

On the right of objection at any stage of the candidate's advancement, without assigning any cause for the objection, Comp. Swain thus replies to Comp. Long of Indiana :

“We do not think his position well taken. The member in full standing has lost no part of his rights, unless frivolous objection or personal pique is a right, because, if he has good ground of objection, he can state it and make the objection felt. On the other hand, by Comp. Long's own argument, the candidate who is stopped has assumed the obligations, but acquired none of the privileges of a Mason, and we have taken his money without rendering him an equivalent. In this jurisdiction, and we presume in Indiana, when he is elected, he is elected to all the degrees, and so informed, and pays for his first one with the full understanding that he is to receive them all ; and only such conduct on his part as would justify



a trial should prevent his receiving them. Let us see how the argument in favor of the "ins" looks for another side. After the candidate has received the Mark Degree, he is, to a certain extent, an "in." But he has no vote. A candidate is elected to whom he is strongly opposed. He is obliged to sit idly by and see himself passed in the race, by a bitter personal enemy, whom he naturally considers unworthy, and who afterwards stands in the way of his own advancement."

Again, on the same subject, in his notice of Iowa, he says :

"Harmony in a Chapter is a good—an important thing, but it is a question if harmony should be obtained at the expense of justice. No one contends, that, because a candidate has received one or two degrees, he is entitled, in spite of objection, to the balance ; but after we have notified him that he is elected for all of them, and he has paid his money and received a portion of them, he is certainly entitled to know why we take that money without rendering him an equivalent, and refuse to perform our portion of the contract ; and he is a brother, and entitled to be heard in his own defence."

We have taken precisely the same position in former years and are still more than ever convinced that an unsupported objection to the advancement of a brother after he has received one or more degrees, should not be allowed or countenanced.

On the question of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, Comp. Swain very justly says :

"The difficulty generally is, that in the disputes which arise when a rejected candidate is taken up in another jurisdiction, the interests of the Chapters are made paramount to the interests of the Order, and the candidate is taken without sufficient inquiry into his antecedents ; but that does not furnish reason why a good brother should be debarred from our companionship, because, twenty years ago, away out in the Indian territory, his cattle, on Sunday, while he was at church, jumped over the fence and demolished his neighbor's corn, to the latter's great wrath, which was carried so far that he blackballed him in the Chapter.

On the other hand, we don't think we should accept a man, a year after he was rejected in Michigan, where he had been known perhaps a lifetime, without inquiry into the cause of his rejection. It is not difficult to frame a law which will meet both aspects of the case."

#### On life membership :

"Life memberships, conferred in the manner described, are an unmitigated evil ; but not necessarily so, under proper regulation. A Lodge in this jurisdiction has adopted the system—giving each member a chance to commute his dues by paying a sum equal to what he would be liable to pay, on his expectancy of life by the Carlisle tables, less the amount which that sum would earn, and only the earnings of that money are allowed to be used, the principal going into the sinking fund for investment. By this method the Lodge will eventually become self-sus-

taining. Already the interest on its investments pays a fair share of its expenses."

M. E. Comp. Norman C. Daniels, (Watertown), G. H. P.  
R. E. Comp. John W. Laflin, (Milwaukee), G. S.

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All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,  
*Chairman.*

COLLINGWOOD, Ontario, Canada,  
June, 1st, 1887.

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